

(B) Medium Term Measures:

In the medium term, Government has taken initiatives such as the National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) to improve production and productivity in agriculture.

Non-release of levy sugar

606. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had been requested to issue direction to sugar factories to release the entire quantity of levy sugar to Andhra Pradesh to meet the shortage of 13,998.30 metric tonnes sugar faced by the State during March, 2009 to September, 2009 under Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the response of the Ministry in this regard;

(c) to what extent this shortage has been met;

(d) the latest position with regard to existing gap between sugar quota of the State and actual supply under PDS; and

(e) how this gap is proposed to be bridged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) to (c) In September, 2009, the Government of Andhra Pradesh as reported shortfall of 13998.3 MT levy sugar against the allocations for the period March, 2009 to September, 2009. However, the Central Government had taken action to recoup levy shortfall of the State Government to the extent of 7664.9 MT by way of revalidation of a total quantity of 4130.5 MT and by reallocation of a total quantity of 3534.4 MT of levy sugar, after reviewing the cases of short supply/no supply allotment-wise.

(d) and (e) The monthly levy sugar quota of Andhra Pradesh is 9690.0 MT which is being allotted in full. The responsibility for distribution of levy sugar through the PDS in the State lies with the State Government. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been furnishing monthly information on lifting of levy sugar to the Government of India.

Price-rise in essential commodities

†607. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been steep rise in the prices of essential commodities like foodgrains, edible oils, vegetables, milk etc. during recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken including importing of foodgrains and releasing them in open market to check the constant price-rise; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) and (b) The retail prices of some of the essential commodities such as wheat, atta, pulses such as urad dal, edible oil such as groundnut oil, vanaspati, mustard oil, potato and onion had increased over the last 3 months in 4 metros *viz.* Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkatta and Chennai.

The reasons for the rise in prices of certain essential commodities are as follows:

- (i) The increase in prices of the wheat can be attributed partly due to the increase in MSP.
- (ii) Weather, apart from seasonal factors contributed to increase in prices of vegetables and fruits.
- (iii) The increase in cost of milk production is largely due to increase in prices of cattle feed and fodder in last one year, and higher consumption of milk in rural areas due to increase in disposable income of rural population as a result of implementation of income and employment generation schemes.
- (iv) Increase in prices of edible oil has been due to additional demand of edible oils in the domestic market for the upcoming festival season. Production shortage in 2009-10 has reflected in increase of prices of ground nut oil.

(c) and (d) Government measures to moderate price rise in essential commodities are given in Statement-I [Refer to the statement appended to answer to unstarred question No. 596 part (e)]. Government measures helped to moderate the price rise and currently the prices of essential commodities are lower than last year. For instance the retail prices of rice, pulses such as tur dal, moong dal, masoor dal, milk and sugar are showing steady to declining trend over the last three months. The details of retail prices of essential commodities in 4 Metros *viz.* Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai is given in Statement-II.

Statement-II

Price-rise in Essential Commodities in 4 Metros

Centre	Daily Retail Price						%Variation				
	Current Date 26/07/10	Last Week 19/07/10	1 Month Back 26/06/10	3 Month Back 26/04/10	6 Month Back 26/01/10	1 Year Back 26/07/09	Last Week 19/07/10	1 Month Back 26/06/10	3 Month Back 26/04/10	6 Month Back 26/01/10	1 Year Back 26/07/09
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rice											
Delhi	22	22	22	24	22	21	0	0	-8.33	0	4.76
Mumbai	19	20	20	19	20	19	-5	-5	0	-5	0
Kolkata	20	20	19	18	20	14	0	5.26	11.11	0	42.86
Chennai	20	20	20	20	20	19	0	0	0	0	5.26
Wheat											
Delhi	14	14	14	13	14	13	0	0	7.69	0	7.69
Mumbai	18	18	19	18	18	17	0	-5.26	0	0	5.88
Kolkata	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NT	NR	NR	NR	NR	NT
Chennai	22	22	21	21	22	19	0	4.76	4.76	0	15.79
Atta											
Delhi	16	16	16	16	16	15	0	0	0	0	6.67

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mumbai	18	19	19	18	19	17	-5.26	-5.26	0	-5.26	5.88
Kolkata	15	15	15	14	15	14	0	0	7.14	0	7.14
Chennai	23	23	22	22	23	20	0	4.55	4.55	0	15
Gram Dal											
Delhi	34.5	34	34	33	34	39	1.47	1.47	4.55	1.47	-11.54
Mumbai	34	33	33	33	33	38	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	-10.53
Kolkata	32	32	32	32	32	38	0	0	0	0	-15.79
Chennai	34	32	32	32	32	36	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	-5.56
Tur Dal											
Delhi	71	72	72	74	72	85	-1.39	-1.39	-4.05	-1.39	-16.47
Mumbai	67	69	67	69	68	75	-2.9	0	-2.9	-1.47	-10.67
Kolkata	60	63	65	65	63	76	-4.76	-7.69	-7.69	-4.76	-21.05
Chennai	70	72	72	72	72	75	-2.78	-2.78	-2.78	-2.78	-6.67
Urad Dal											
Delhi	74	75	72	68	75	61	-1.33	2.78	8.82	-1.33	21.31
Mumbai	76	78	76	68	78	58	-2.56	0	11.76	-2.56	31.03
Kolkata	68	68	68	60	68	46	0	0	13.33	0	47.83

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Chennai	80	80	80	70	80	62	0	0	14.29	0	29.03
Moong Dal											
Delhi	83.5	84	88	88	84	62	-0.6	-5.11	-5.11	-0.6	34.68
Mumbai	86	89	93	91	89	62	-3.37	-7.53	-5.49	-3.37	38.71
Kolkata	85	90	90	85	90	60	-5.56	-5.56	0	-5.56	41.67
Chennai	80	85	90	90	85	63	-5.88	-11.11	-11.11	-5.88	26.98
Masoor Dal											
Delhi	55	55	57	58	55	65	0	-3.51	-5.17	0	-15.38
Mumbai	50	51	51	51	51	62	-1.96	-1.96	-1.96	-1.96	-19.35
Kolkata	46	48	50	50	48	60	-4.17	-8	-8	-4.17	-23.33
Chennai	50	50	50	50	50	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
Sugar											
Delhi	30	31	30	33	31	27	-3.23	0	-9.09	-3.23	11.11
Mumbai	31	31	30	32	31	27	0	3.33	-3.12	0	14.81
Kolkata	31	31	31	30	31	27	0	0	3.33	0	14.81
Chennai	29	29	29	31	29	25	0	0	-6.45	0	16

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Milk@											
Delhi	24	24	23	23	24	21	0	4.35	4.35	0	14.29
Mumbai	25	25	26	25	25	22	0	-3.85	0	0	13.64
Kolkata	21	21	21	21	21	20	0	0	0	0	5
Chennai	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	18	0	0	0	0	13.89
Groundnut oil											
Delhi	114	113	111	110	113	108	0.88	2.7	3.64	0.88	5.56
Mumbai	74	73	74	69	73	93	1.37	0	7.25	1.37	-20.43
Kolkata	100	100	100	85	100	90	0	0	17.65	0	11.11
Chennai	87	85	79	73	85	66	2.35	10.13	19.18	2.35	31.82
Mustard Oil											
Delhi	68	68	66	66	68	66	0	3.03	3.03	0	3.03
Mumbai	64	64	66	62	64	75	0	-3.03	3.23	0	-14.67
Kolkata	60	60	60	60	60	62	0	0	0	0	-3.23
Chennai	68	66	65	68	66	68	3.03	4.62	0	3.03	0
Vanaspati											
Delhi	56	56	55	55	56	55	0	1.82	1.82	0	1.82
Mumbai	55	55	54	53	55	55	0	1.85	3.77	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Kolkata	50	50	47	40	50	46	0	6.38	25	0	8.7
Chennai	58	58	58	55	58	55	0	0	5.45	0	5.45
Tea (Loose)											
Delhi	148	148	149	156	148	143	0	-0.67	-5.13	0	3.5
Mumbai	163	154	153	153	154	150	5.84	6.54	6.54	5.84	8.67
Kolkata	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	0	0	0
Chennai	240	240	240	240	240	290	0	0	0	0	-17.24
Potato											
Delhi	11	11	13	9	11	17.5	0	-15.38	22.22	0	-37.14
Mumbai	12	12	11	11	12	17	0	9.09	9.09	0	-29.41
Kolkata	6	6	6	4	6	15	0	0	50	0	-60
Chennai	14	12	14	14	12	16	16.67	0	0	16.67	-12.5
Onion											
Delhi	13.5	15	11	14	15	14	-10	22.73	-3.57	-10	-3.57
Mumbai	12	12	11	12	12	14	0	9.09	0	0	-14.29
Kolkata	12	13	10	8	13	14	-7.69	20	50	-7.69	-14.29
Chennai	12	12	12	10	12	12	0	0	20	0	0

Source: State/UTs Civil Supplies Department