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Rajasthan	FCI Stocks at Rail Head, Udaipur	20	-	308786
Haryana	HSWC CAP complexes Bani, Sirsa district DFSC CAP complex Ismailabad, Kurukshetra district	Damages are yet to be quantified.		
Punjab	CAP Complex Khonuri, Sangrur Punjab Agro Food Corp CAP complexes, Sangrur MARKFED CAP complex Zira, Ferozepur PUNGRAIN and Punjab Agro CAP complexes, Ferozepur	Damages are yet to be quantified.		
Uttarakhand	SWC godown, Gadarpur, Udham Singh Nagar district	Damage are yet to be quantified.		

*Inspection team of the Department of Food and Public Distribution has also estimated damage of 13-14 tons of wheat at FCI Orai depot, distt. Jalaun, UP.

Sky-rocketing prices of food articles

616. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry's attention has been drawn to the fact that prices of food articles including edible oils are increasing rapidly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken or proposes to take specific measures to contain the sky-rocketing prices of food articles; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the impact it has made?

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 gram dal, 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, Kolkata and Chennai. The details for retail prices of essential commodities in 4 Metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai is given in Statement-I. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to unstarred question No. 607 Part (c) and (d)].

(c) and (d) Government measures to moderate price rise in essential commodities are given in Statement-II. [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to unstarred question No. 596 Part (e)]. Government measures helped to moderate the price rise. 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 in 4 metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.

Price rise of foodgrains

617. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken serious view of the rise of prices of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the measures taken so far;

(c) to what extent these measures have helped in checking prices of essential commodities;

(d) whether the Prime Minister had also taken up this matter with the Chief Ministers; and

(e) if so, to what extent both Centre and State Governments have been able in checking prices of essential commodities including sugar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) and (b) The Government had already taken several measures to contain price rise of essential commodities as given in Statement-I. [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to unstarred question No.596 part (e)].

(c) Government measures have helped to moderate the price rise and currently prices of some of the essential commodities are lower than that of last year. The retail prices of pulses such as Tur dal, Moong Dal, Masoor dal, Sugar had declined over the last three months. The details are given in Statement-II. [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to unstarred question No. 607 part (c) and (d)].

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The conference of Chief Ministers was held on 6th February 2010 to discuss the issues relating to prices of essential commodities. The conference recommended the constitution of a Standing Core Group of State Chief Ministers and concerned Centra