

average monthly consumer expenditure of an urban/rural household as obtained from the NSS 61st round Consumer Expenditure Survey data (2004-05).

(c) For measurement of information based on consumer prices. This is the only revision in the mechanism of prices that has been made in the last five years.

Backlog payment to fertilizer producers

46. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any communication from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on the issue of backlog payment to fertilizer producers for Non-Recognized Input State Taxation matter as they have already implemented new policy *w.e.f.* 01.04.2011 in this regard but not sorted out issues of backlog losses;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any communication from Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers for redistribution of funds collected from State under new policy for Non-Recognized Input State Taxation; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Level of inflation post new mechanism for measuring inflation

†47. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after implementation of new mechanism for assessing inflation in the country the rate of inflation in January, 2012 has not been satisfactory;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that food inflation in January, 2012 increased compared to that in the January, 2011; and

(d) if so, the percentage of this increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Central Statistical Office (CSO) has launched a new series of Consumer Price Indices (CPI) base 2010=100 beginning January, 2011. The

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