

Rise in price of essential food items

†725. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the year-wise and month-wise rate of increase in the wholesale and retail prices of essential food items and pulses-oilseeds during the last two years;

(b) whether common man is under heavy financial burden due to inordinate increase in the prices of pulses;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to determine the reasons for rise in prices of pulses and failure of Government mechanism to check it;

(d) the organization working to control the rise in prices of essential food items; and

(e) the number of people held responsible for inflation and action taken against them during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The rate of increase of select essential commodities for the last two years is given in the Statement-IA - ID. (See below).

(b) and (c) Pulses is a major source of protein and higher prices has impacted the quantity of pulses consumption by the common man.

The upward trend in the price of pulses is due to decline in production on account of adverse weather conditions and also increase in demand. As per the 4th Advance Estimates for 2014-15, the production of pulses has come down to 17.20 million tonnes during 2014-15 as against 19.25 million tonnes during 2013-14 i.e. a decline of 10.65 per cent.

(d) Prices of essential commodities are regularly monitored by the Department of Consumer Affairs and is regularly reviewed at the highest levels such as Committee of Secretaries on Prices set up by the Cabinet Secretariat which recommends possible policy interventions for implementation.

(e) Government has enacted the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Black-Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 and as these Acts are implemented by the State governments/UTs, they have been regularly advised to ensure effective implementation of these acts. The details of action taken during last two years are given in the Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-IA

Month-wise and year-wise rate of variation in Monthly Average Retail Prices 2013-14

Commodity														Annual	
	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Nov.14/ Nov.13	
Rice	1.9	-0.4	-0.7	0.8	0.5	-0.5	0.5	0.8	1.7	0.4	1.4	-0.8	-1.4	2.3	
Wheat	0.7	1.8	1.2	-0.4	-0.7	-1.5	-1.2	-0.1	2.3	0.1	2.6	0.4	-0.2	4.3	
Gram Dal	-0.8	-1.0	-1.7	-2.8	1.2	-0.2	-0.2	-2.4	-2.2	-0.6	0.1	0.2	-1.2	-10.4	
Tur/Arhar	0.9	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.7	0.6	1.9	3.1	0.2	1.3	7.0	
Urad Dal	3.7	0.7	1.5	1.2	1.1	2.1	2.7	3.1	2.2	4.5	3.4	-2.9	-0.8	20.2	
Moong Dal	2.2	1.2	2.8	4.4	3.5	3.7	0.9	-2.2	-0.4	1.8	0.9	0.2	4.9	23.7	
Masoor Dal	1.6	-1.4	1.1	0.0	2.1	3.7	3.5	1.0	1.3	2.3	2.1	0.9	1.8	19.8	
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	-0.6	-0.5	-1.9	-1.2	1.2	-0.6	0.7	-3.0	2.7	-0.8	-1.1	-0.5	0.1	-4.9	
Mustard Oil (Packed)	2.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.8	0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.9	
Vanaspati (Packed)	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	1.8	0.7	0.1	-0.5	1.2	0.4	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.9	
Soya Oil (Packed)	1.1	0.2	-0.6	-0.8	0.7	0.3	-1.0	-0.3	0.7	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	-1.5	
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	-1.1	0.8	-0.6	0.0	-1.3	1.2	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2	0.1	-4.8	
Palm Oil (Packed)	1.9	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	1.8	0.0	-0.8	-1.1	0.0	-1.7	-2.7	0.4	-0.9	-6.3	

Potato	32.3	-14.4	-15.6	-15.7	4.6	13.1	12.7	5.9	12.1	11.1	5.9	2.9	1.8	18.9
Onion	-5.7	-38.4	-32.4	-17.8	-6.7	1.2	7.2	11.4	35.5	0.8	-5.6	-4.4	-0.2	-52.5
Tomato	34.1	-29.3	-34.4	-22.6	1.0	9.9	5.9	-2.1	95.7	42.1	-26.5	-18.1	-20.5	-45.0
Sugar	-0.8	-1.4	-0.4	-1.4	1.0	3.4	1.1	-0.2	1.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	0.6
Milk	1.3	0.5	1.1	-0.2	1.1	2.0	0.3	0.7	1.4	1.3	-0.8	0.6	1.6	10.1

Source : State Civil Supplies Departments

Statement-IB

Month-wise and year-wise rate of variation in Monthly Average Retail Prices 2014-15

Commodity														Annual
	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Nov.15/ Nov.14
Rice	-1.4	-1.0	-0.8	0.1	-0.8	0.5	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.2	0.5	-0.1	-2.2
Wheat	-0.2	-1.0	0.8	3.8	-0.8	-0.5	-1.2	1.0	0.4	-0.6	0.9	1.9	1.8	6.5
Gram Dal	-1.2	-0.4	3.3	2.9	2.2	3.9	10.2	5.1	1.0	1.8	4.4	6.7	2.2	52.4
Tur/Arhar	1.3	0.7	2.0	2.4	3.5	4.3	7.8	3.7	3.2	6.8	14.1	19.9	6.0	102.9
Urad Dal	-0.8	0.7	2.2	1.5	0.6	4.2	10.0	6.6	1.6	2.0	6.6	20.3	9.9	87.9
Moong Dal	4.9	2.5	2.2	1.2	-0.1	1.2	1.9	-1.0	-2.2	-0.8	1.4	7.5	1.4	16.1
Masoor Dal	1.8	1.1	3.1	0.4	-1.1	0.9	4.9	3.8	1.9	3.0	4.4	2.0	-0.6	26.3
Groundnut (Packed) Oil	0.1	-0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.7	0.4	1.0	-0.3	0.1	0.7	1.7	0.4	-0.4	3.8

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Commodity														Annual
	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Nov.15/Nov.14
Mustard Oil (Packed)	-0.1	0.1	1.7	1.9	-1.7	0.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	0.4	1.9	1.8	5.8	16.1
Vanaspati (Packed)	-0.5	-0.5	0.6	0.9	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-1.0	-4.5
Soya Oil (Packed)	-0.1	-0.6	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.8	-1.0	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-1.7	-3.3
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	0.1	0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4	0.0	-1.0	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.1	0.2	1.3
Palm Oil (Packed)	-0.9	-1.3	2.8	-1.4	0.5	-1.4	0.5	0.0	-1.0	-1.6	-1.1	-0.5	-2.4	-6.9
Potato	1.8	-19.0	-21.4	-7.6	-10.3	-9.4	-3.2	9.2	4.8	-0.2	0.6	6.2	4.9	-40.8
Onion	-0.2	-1.2	-2.3	0.7	-3.2	-8.8	0.3	12.6	15.1	56.8	20.7	-16.8	-18.5	43.3
Tomato	-20.5	-4.0	0.0	-9.5	-2.1	-0.3	25.8	0.0	12.7	-12.3	-0.2	12.6	36.1	61.5
Sugar	-0.7	-2.3	-2.4	-1.2	-2.1	-3.0	-1.4	-2.8	-3.2	-0.6	1.7	2.4	1.8	-12.7
Milk	1.6	0.3	1.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.9	0.6	0.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	-1.4	1.7

Source : State Civil Supplies Departments

Statement-IC

Month-wise and year-wise rate of variation in Monthly Average Wholesale Prices 2013-14

Commodity														Annual
	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Nov.14/Nov.13
Rice	1.9	-0.1	-0.4	1.1	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.0	1.4	0.1	1.6	-0.6	-1.0	2.9
Wheat	1.8	1.1	1.4	0.0	-0.6	-1.8	-1.4	0.3	1.6	-0.2	2.4	1.2	-0.2	3.7

Gram Dal	-1.2	-1.0	-2.0	-3.0	1.3	-0.1	0.2	-2.9	-2.2	-0.7	0.6	0.3	-1.3	-10.4
Tur/Arhar	1.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.7	0.3	-0.5	0.0	1.9	3.6	0.2	1.5	7.9
Urad Dal	4.0	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.7	3.4	3.3	2.2	4.5	4.1	-3.3	-0.8	21.3
Moong Dal	2.2	1.8	3.0	5.0	3.6	3.7	0.5	-2.2	-0.6	2.0	0.9	0.3	5.4	25.6
Masoor Dal	1.5	-1.3	1.0	0.6	2.1	3.5	3.2	1.4	1.1	2.2	2.2	1.5	1.9	21.3
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	-0.6	-0.5	-2.6	-0.1	0.8	-0.9	1.1	-2.6	3.0	-0.2	-1.6	-0.4	0.1	-4.0
Mustard Oil (Packed)	1.9	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.0	-1.7
Vanaspati (Packed)	0.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.6	2.0	0.2	0.6	-0.8	0.2	0.2	-0.9	-0.2	-0.4	0.6
Soya Oil (Packed)	0.9	0.5	-0.7	-1.0	0.9	0.1	-1.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2	0.0	-2.7
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	-0.1	-1.1	-0.8	-1.1	0.3	-0.5	0.0	-1.1	0.2	-0.4	-1.9	-0.5	0.3	-6.4
Palm Oil (Packed)	1.7	-0.2	-1.3	0.4	1.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-0.5	-1.6	-3.0	0.0	-0.7	-7.5
Potato	37.9	-15.5	-19.5	-19.7	6.1	16.7	15.5	7.5	12.5	13.9	5.7	3.1	2.6	20.3
Onion	-7.7	-40.8	-35.9	-20.7	-6.9	0.4	8.1	14.9	42.6	0.2	-7.9	-4.6	-0.3	-56.2
Tomato	44.8	-31.2	-40.6	-25.7	1.0	13.6	5.6	-2.5	120.0	44.5	-28.4	-21.2	-22.3	-50.1
Sugar	-1.2	-1.3	-0.9	-1.6	1.4	4.2	0.8	-0.4	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.9	-1.2	-0.1
Milk	1.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	1.4	1.9	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.7	-0.1	0.7	8.1

Source : State Civil Supplies Departments

Statement-I D
Month-wise and Year-wise Rate of variation in Monthly Average Wholesale Prices 2014-15

Commodity														Annual
	Nov- 14	Dec- 14	Jan- 15	Feb- 15	Mar- 15	Apr- 15	May- 15	Jun- 15	Jul- 15	Aug- 15	Sep- 15	Oct- 15	Nov-15	Nov.15/No v.14
Rice	-1.0	-1.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.4	0.7	-0.5	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	0.7	0.3	0.3	-2.3
Wheat	-0.2	-1.2	0.7	3.7	-0.6	-0.3	-1.3	0.8	0.3	-0.4	0.6	2.2	1.9	6.4
Gram Dal	-1.3	-0.6	4.4	3.2	2.1	4.6	11.5	4.9	1.0	2.0	4.3	6.9	2.3	57.4
Tur/Arhar	1.5	0.5	2.0	2.8	3.7	4.5	7.8	4.1	3.1	6.9	14.0	19.9	5.1	103.4
Urad Dal	-0.8	0.6	2.8	1.8	0.7	4.2	10.7	6.7	1.6	2.2	6.0	20.2	10.3	90.1
Moong Dal	5.4	2.2	2.1	1.3	-0.6	0.9	1.8	-0.7	-2.2	-1.0	1.0	8.4	1.11	14.8
Masoor Dal	1.9	0.9	3.0	0.2	-1.4	1.2	5.9	4.0	2.2	3.2	4.7	0.1	-1.6	24.6
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	0.1	-0.4	1.2	1.1	-1.2	0.6	1.4	-0.4	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.1	-1.4	3.7
Mustard Oil (Packed)	0.0	-0.3	2.2	1.8	-0.9	0.1	0.6	1.5	1.3	0.4	1.6	2.6	4.4	16.1
Vanaspati (Packed)	-0.4	-1.3	0.6	1.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-1.0	0.3	-1.4	-5.2
Soya Oil (Packed)	0.0	-1.1	1.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-1.1	-0.9	-0.8	0.8	-1.9	-4.8
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	1.5	1.1	-0.2	3.3
Palm Oil (Packed)	-0.7	-1.5	2.0	-0.8	0.1	-1.1	0.3	0.1	-0.8	-2.5	-1.7	0.9	-2.0	-6.8
Potato	2.6	-21.3	-25.7	-8.3	-9.1	-8.9	-4.1	11.3	4.1	-1.3	0.1	8.5	6.5	-43.8
Onion	-0.3	0.3	-2.8	1.7	-3.7	-9.7	0.3	15.2	17.9	63.7	22.2	-18.6	-20.7	51.6
Tomato	-22.3	-4.5	-0.2	-10.3	-2.7	0.1	32.1	0.0	12.8	-14.1	0.4	13.0	43.9	74.0
Sugar	-1.2	-2.7	-2.5	-1.4	-2.4	-2.8	-1.7	-3.4	-4.3	-0.3	2.6	3.2	1.7	-13.4
Milk	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	0.9	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.9	-1.5	-0.8	-0.6

Source : State Civil Supplies Departments

Statement-II

*Action taken under Essential Commodities Act, 1955
during the years 2013-2015*

Item	2013	2014	2015 (as on 20.11.2015)
No. of raids conducted	220413	131868	83735
No. of persons arrested	8413	12017	1376
No. of persons prosecuted	6009	3185	500
No. of persons convicted	273	2074	573

Source: Reports received from State Govts./UTs.

Sale of foodgrains below the purchasing rate

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

(a) the quantities of different substandard foodgrains sold at a rate less than purchase rate in the last five years, the foodgrain-wise details thereof;

(b) the rate of purchase of such foodgrains during these five years and at which rate they were sold owing to low quality, year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains sold to the wine-manufacturing companies at a rate less than purchase rate during these years the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The details are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The foodgrains were purchased from the farmers as per MSP declared by the Government of India. A Statement showing the MSP of paddy, wheat and coarsegrains are given in the Statement-II (*See* below). The details of rate at which these foodgrains were sold owing to low quality, year-wise are given in the Statement-I itself.

(c) No damaged food grains stocks were sold to wine-manufacturing companies by the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

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