

Inflation of food items

3017. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

KUMARI SELJA:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of inflation in food items, including vegetables, is rising sharply, causing great difficulties to common people, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to take any step to bring down the food inflation, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY): (a) As per the latest Consumer Price Index brought out by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) for the month of June, 2016, the rate of inflation in food items, including vegetables as measured by Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) rose by 2.39 % over the month and by 7.79% over the year, details are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) Details of the corrective steps taken by the Government to contain the price rise of food items are given in Statement-II. [Refer to the Statement appended to the Ans. to USQ No. 3010 part (b)]

Statement-I*Details of Trends in Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI)*

Description	Weight In %	Consumer Price Index		Change in the index (in %)		
		June, 2016	May, 2016	June, 2015	Over the month	Over the year
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
General Index (Combined)	100.00	130.1	128.6	123.0	1.17	5.77
Consumer Food Price Index	39.06	137.0	133.8	127.1	2.39	7.79
Cereals and Products	9.67	127.7	126.8	123.9	0.71	3.07
Meat and Fish	3.61	140.5	139.1	131.8	1.01	6.60
Egg	0.43	128.3	125.4	121.6	2.31	5.51
Milk and Products	6.61	132.6	131.7	128.2	0.68	3.43

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Oils and Fats	3.56	115.5	115.0	111.1	0.43	3.96
Fruits	2.89	136.3	136.0	132.8	0.22	2.64
Vegetables	6.04	159.6	145.1	139.1	9.99	14.74
Pulses and Products	2.38	174.3	171.7	137.4	1.51	26.86
Sugar and Confectionary	1.36	109.9	108.7	94.1	1.10	16.79
Spices	2.50	136.3	135.3	125.5	0.74	8.61

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Hoarding of food items

†3018. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has provided adequate funds to State Governments in form of subsidy to control the price rise of food items during the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether several State Governments have not taken adequate steps to contain hoarding of food items recently, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY): (a) Central Government has introduced the Price Stabilisation Fund Scheme under which funds are made available to State Governments/UTs as well as Central agencies for price stabilization of agri-horticultural commodities. A total allocation of ₹ 1610 crore was made towards the Price Stabilisation Fund over the last three years i.e. from 2014-15 to 2016-17.

(b) The State Governments are regularly conducting raids to check hoarding of food items. Details are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the Ans. to USQ No. 3010 part (c), Statement-III]

Establishment of offices of the Ministry in Amaravati

3019. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated action for setting up of offices/Departments/Institutions that come under it, like Quality Control Cell, Grain Storage Management Institute,

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