

Rise in prices of pulses

†619. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of Urad and Tur dal have shown a steep increase in March, 2016 as compared to that in March, 2015; and

(b) if so, the steps taken, if any, by Government to control the prices of these pulses, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) The requisite details are as below:

All-India Monthly Average Retail Prices (₹/kg)

Item	Mar-15	Mar-16	% Variation
Tur dal	81.75	135.27	65.47
Urad dal	79.62	135.29	69.92

Source: States/UTs Civil Supplies Deptts.

(b) The requisite details are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 618 Part (d)].

Rise in prices of essential commodities

620. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

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

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

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

(d) the outcome thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.