

Rise in prices of pulses, vegetables and other commodities

1424. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that steep rise in prices of pulses, vegetables and other commodities has made the lives of common men in the country miserable, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government has taken or proposes to take to control the rising prices in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) During last one month, All India Average Retail Prices of wheat in cereals, Tur, Urad and Moong dal in Pulses, Mustard, Soya, Sunflower and Palm Oil in Edible oil and Tomato in Vegetables have declined while there has been increase in the prices of Gram in pulses, Potato and Onion in Vegetables. Prices of other commodities were either stable or have shown marginal increase, details are given in Statement-I. [*Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USQ No. 1413 Part (a)*]

(b) Details of the 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 Answer to USQ No. 1413 Part (b) and (c)*]

Transparency in PDS

†1425. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken several steps during the last two years to make Public Distribution System (PDS) transparent and consumer friendly, which are showing positive results, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Central Government has fixed any target to ensure leakage proof PDS; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Government has

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