

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2134

TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

INCREASE IN THE RETAIL PRICE OF DAILY FOOD ITEMS

2134 SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

- (a) the retail price of the foodgrain items in the present year, 2021 in comparison to 2015 and by how much the price value has been increased, especially important daily use food items like gehoon, chawal, cooking oil, tuar dal, moong dal and vegetables, spice like tamater, aalu, namak, haldi and aata etc; and
- (b) the reasons behind the hike of retail prices and the details of each item mentioned above?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b) : Monthly average retail prices of 22 essential food commodities for January, February, March, April, May, June and July in 2015 and 2021, and also the percentage increase in prices in 2021 over each of the corresponding months of 2015 are given at **Annexure**.

Prices of food items are inter-alia affected by mismatch in demand and supply, shortfall in production owing to adverse weather conditions, seasonality, increase in transportation costs, supply chain constraints like lack of storage facilities, artificial scarcity by hoarding and increase in international prices as in the case of edible oil.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2134 FOR 06.08.2021 REGARDING “INCREASE IN THE RETAIL PRICE OF DAILY FOOD ITEMS”.

Monthly average retail prices of 22 essential food commodities in 2015 and 2021 and also the percentage increase in prices over each of the corresponding months.

Commodities	All India Monthly Average Retail Prices in 2015 (Rs./Kg.)							All India Monthly Average Retail Prices in 2021 (Rs./Kg.)							Percentage increase/decrease (-) in 2021 over corresponding month in 2015 (%)						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Rice	28	28	27	28	28	28	28	37	37	38	37	36	36	36	35.5	35.5	37.5	32.9	31.7	29.3	29.3
Wheat	22	23	23	23	22	23	23	29	28	28	27	26	26	27	30.0	22.1	22.8	19.6	17.3	17.0	17.7
Atta (Wheat)	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	32	32	32	31	30	30	30	30.3	26.2	27.2	24.3	20.4	22.2	22.5
Gram Dal	47	48	49	51	57	59	60	73	72	74	75	77	77	75	56.0	49.4	49.0	46.0	36.1	29.1	25.3
Tur/Arhar Dal	77	79	82	85	92	95	98	105	104	106	107	108	107	106	35.6	32.2	30.0	25.5	18.0	12.7	7.4
Urad Dal	78	79	80	83	91	97	99	109	109	110	110	110	109	107	39.8	37.6	38.3	32.8	20.2	11.9	8.1
Moong Dal	98	99	99	100	102	101	99	107	106	107	107	107	106	103	8.6	7.1	7.6	6.4	4.9	4.2	3.9
Masoor Dal	74	74	73	74	78	81	82	81	81	81	83	85	87	87	9.5	8.4	9.7	11.3	9.3	7.6	5.7
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	119	120	119	120	121	121	121	162	163	167	171	176	179	178	35.9	36.3	39.9	42.7	45.3	48.4	47.6
Mustard Oil (Packed)	99	101	100	100	100	102	103	144	145	150	155	166	171	170	45.1	43.0	50.9	55.8	65.4	68.1	65.5
Vanaspatti (Packed)	76	77	76	76	76	75	75	111	115	119	125	129	133	133	45.8	49.4	56.3	64.4	70.7	77.1	77.8
Soya Oil (Packed)	84	85	85	85	84	83	83	121	125	131	139	149	153	151	43.7	47.4	54.4	63.4	77.3	83.0	82.2
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	95	95	94	94	94	93	93	139	144	153	161	170	173	171	46.6	51.6	63.4	72.4	82.1	87.0	84.6
Palm Oil (Packed)	68	67	68	67	67	67	66	112	114	120	125	132	132	130	64.6	69.5	77.7	87.4	97.6	97.9	95.7
Potato	19	18	16	14	14	15	16	26	20	18	18	19	20	21	36.7	16.2	17.6	27.0	36.2	33.9	30.7
Onion	25	25	24	22	22	25	29	39	44	34	24	24	27	29	55.9	76.7	41.7	8.5	7.1	8.6	1.8
Tomato	23	21	20	20	26	26	29	25	24	19	19	18	21	27	9.1	13.0	-6.6	-8.8	-28.5	-17.0	-7.2
Sugar	34	34	33	32	31	31	30	40	39	39	39	40	40	40	17.1	17.3	19.6	23.9	27.0	30.1	33.8
Gur	40	41	40	40	41	41	41	48	48	47	46	46	47	47	19.9	17.5	17.1	17.1	14.1	14.7	15.7
Milk (Rs./Ltr.)	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	48	49	49	49	49	49	49	22.8	25.2	25.7	25.8	24.9	24.8	24.1
Tea Loose	205	205	205	205	207	207	207	265	277	278	277	275	275	278	29.0	34.8	35.4	34.7	32.8	33.2	34.0
Salt Pack (Iodised)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	17	18	18	18	18	18	18	17.5	20.2	20.2	21.0	22.0	23.8	21.7
