**Government of India**

# Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

**Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA**

#### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5630

#### TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.4.2013

**Difference in Prices of Packed Products**

5630. DR. MEHBOOB BEG:

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION miHkksDrk ekeys] [kk| vkSj lkoZtfud forj.k ea=h be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a big difference has beenobserved between the prices of packed fooditems of corporate houses and that of openfood items reaching the market directly orindirectly;

(b) if so, whether these corporate sectorhouses are arbitrarily increasing the pricesof milk and other food items; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and thereaction of the Government thereto alongwith the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**(PROF. K. V. THOMAS)**

(a) : Yes Madam, it is observed that there is some difference between the prices of packed food items of corporate houses and that of open food items reaching the market directly or indirectly. The reason for higher price of corporate houses may be due to their overhead expenses like transportation, packing, profit and taxes etc.

(b) & (c): No such report has been received by Government.

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