

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2713**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.07.2019**

**ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955**

2713. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the aims and objectives of Essential Commodities Act, 1955;
- (b) whether the Government/NITI Aayog proposes to scrap the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to replace the above Act with a modern statute balancing the interests of farmers, consumers and supply chain participants; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons for the same?

**ANSWER**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री दानवे रावसाहेब दादाराव)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) : The objective of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 is to ensure adequate availability of essential commodities to general public at fair prices.

(b) to (e) : No, Sir. Does not arise.

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