

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *107

TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021

FOOD INFLATION

*107. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the retail food inflation has increased in the last few months;
- (b) if so, whether the Government mechanism has not been able to control the inflation;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the reasons for the said inflation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the hurdles being faced in controlling the increasing prices of essential food commodities?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
(श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*107 FOR 09.02.2021 REGARDING FOOD INFLATION.

(a) : No, Sir. Retail food inflation, as per Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) brought out by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), has declined from 11.73 per cent in April, 2020 to 3.41 per cent in December, 2020.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : The Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the retail and wholesale prices of essential food commodities reported on daily basis by State Food and Civil Supply Departments from 122 price reporting centres across the country. Prices of food commodities are affected by diverse factors such as production, seasonality in crop arrivals, supply chain logistics, adverse weather conditions etc. The daily report of prices and indicative price trends are duly analysed for taking appropriate decisions for release of stocks from the buffer, export-import policy etc.
