

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2194 (OIH)  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER PSF**

2194. SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:  
(OIH)

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the tremendous increase in the retail inflation and the food inflation in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures adopted by the Government to check the unabated rise in the prices of food items during the last few years;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated adequate funds under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) to regulate the price volatility of essential agri-horticultural commodities like lentils, onions, fruits, vegetables and potatoes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated under the PSF during each of the last three years?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)**

(a) & (b) : Retail inflation and Food inflation measured by year-on-year percentage variation in Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) as published by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation have declined to 4.31% and 6.02%, respectively in January 2025 from 6.21 % and 10.87% in October 2024.

Government keeps a close watch on the production and availability of essential commodities through regular reviews by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC). The Committee reviews, on regular basis, the situation of prices and price trends of essential agri-horticulture commodities and suggests measures to enhance availability through increased domestic production and through imports.

In order to tackle the volatility in prices, the Government of India maintains buffer stocks of pulses and onion for market interventions through calibrated and targeted release to moderate the prices in the market. Part of the stock of pulses from the buffer are converted to dals for retail sale to the consumers at affordable prices under the Bharat Dal brand. Similarly, atta and rice are distributed to retail consumers under Bharat brand at subsidized prices. Onion from the buffer had been released during September to December, 2024 in a calibrated and targeted manner to moderate prices in high price consuming centres at wholesale markets and through retail outlets. Onions from the buffer were distributed among retail consumers at Rs.35 per kg through stationary retail outlets and mobile vans in major consumption centres.

(c) & (d) : Funds for price interventions under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme are being made available through annual budgetary support and accrual of sale proceeds to the Corpus fund. Adequate funds are made available by Government under PSF for interventions to stabilize the volatility in the prices of essential agri-horticultural commodities. The details of funds allocated for PSF in past three years are given below:

**Funds allocated under Price Stabilisation Fund from 2021-22 to 2024-25**

(Rs. in crore)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Annual Budgetary Support</b>	<b>Sale Proceeds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
2021-22	2250.00	3939.00	6189.00
2022-23	0.01	4786.00	4786.01
2023-24	0.01	5967.00	5967.01
2024-25	7000.00	7073.00*	14073.00

\* Sale Proceeds for 2024-25 is up to 5.3.2025.

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