

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to ensure availability of food grain and restrain hike in price of rice.

KUMARI RAMYA HARIDAS (ALATHUR): I would like to call the attention of the Government to price hike of different varieties of rice available in the market. In Kerala, in the past three months, the price of rice in private market has increased by Rs.13. Due to fluctuations in the market, the wholesale price of white rice now stands at Rs.53 per kg., while brown rice is available at Rs.50 per kg. It is unbearable to most of the households. The Government must intervene in this matter immediately.

The ration shops, on which most of the common people depend, have cut short subsidy, as also the quantity of rice. I would humbly request the Government to allocate more subsidised rice, irrespective of different categories of beneficiaries, to ration shops. The Government should ensure availability of food grains to people in moderate amount, and must take necessary steps to restrain hike in price of rice.