

Need to ensure supply of potato and other vegetables to Odisha ? Laid

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Odisha has been reeling under soaring potato prices for months, with costs climbing to Rs 30 -40 per kg. The crisis deepened recently when West Bengal, Odisha's primary potato supplier, restricted tuber transport citing rising prices in its local markets. Jharkhand is facing similar shortage of potato supply from West Bengal. The Potato growers and Traders Association of West Bengal have repeatedly objected to the highhandedness of that state's officials who are stopping transport of potatoes at their state borders. This goes against Article 301 of our Constitution which guarantees freedom of trade and commerce throughout India. I urge upon the Government to intervene and ensure free flow of vegetables, especially potatoes to Odisha.