

Regarding price rise of essential commodities

**SHRI ASIT KUMAR MAL (BOLPUR):** Sir, the burning question is about the price hike of the daily commodities. Petrol, diesel, and cooking gas have been extremely costly during the NDA regime. Sugar, tea, biscuits, milk ? all these things are daily essentials of the poor people. These things are also going beyond their buying capacity, particularly the cost of medicines has gone beyond the purchasing capacity of the common people. I think the electoral bonds are mostly responsible for the price hike of medicines. Although the hon. Finance Minister has declared to reduce the price hike of several medicines in her Budget speech, it has not been implemented till now.

I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister to decrease the price hike as early as possible.

Thank you.