

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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COFFEE PRICE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been decline in price of coffee since 2000 in whole sale market;
- (b) if so, details in the retail price of this commodity during this period; and
- (c) the steps taken to prevent cartels and price fixers controlling action?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The prices in the whole sale market for green coffee had been on the decline from the late 1990s. However, they have improved slightly over the past few months.

(b) Since the year 2000, the average retail prices of coffee seeds (Rs./kg of clean coffee seeds of Arabica Plantation and Robusta Cherry AB) in the domestic market at Bangalore have been as under.

Year/Month	Arabica	Robusta
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2000	91	48
2001	66	35
2002	66	35
2003	65	40
January 2004	63	39
February 2004	63	38
March 2004	69	41
April 2004	74	42
May 2004	74	42

(c): In India, coffee is an export oriented commodity and its prices are largely influenced by the New York Exchange for Arabicas and London Exchange for Robustas. The coffee prices are determined by the market forces of demand and supply.