

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE RISE DUE TO IMPORT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the announcement by the Government regarding intended imports of wheat, pulses and sugar in June this year resulted in hardening of prices of these commodities in international markets; and

(b) if so, the extent of result thereof on prices of these commodities in the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Since June 2006, international prices of wheat and certain varieties of pulses have registered an upward trend. The main reason for rise in prices was lower projected wheat harvest in major producing countries such as United States and Canada and inadequate availability of certain varieties of pulses in the international market. Prices of sugar have declined in the international market since June 2006.

(b) : Prices of wheat in the domestic market have increased on account of shortfall in domestic supplies relative to demand and hardening of international prices. Prices of sugar have started declining at several centres over the past few weeks. Prices of pulses have registered a falling trend for the past one month after remaining at high levels for several months.