

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HIKE IN PRICES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to devastated flood in various States the crops, fruit and vegetables have been damaged;
- (b) if so, whether the price of vegetables and fruits have touched the sky;
- (c) if so, whether there is a chance of shortage of foodgrains and price rise; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to maintain supply of adequate foodgrains and check their price rise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): Besides affecting the standing crops, fruits and vegetables in the field, flood disrupts transportation of fruits and vegetables, thereby their market arrival. The Wholesale Price Index of vegetables has increased marginally to 267.1 as on 11.8.2007 from 261.9 a month ago on 14.7.2007. Wholesale Price Index of fruits has also increased marginally from 216.2 to 218.3 during the same period. As per the Fourth advance estimates, all India production of foodgrains for the year 2006-07 (July-June) is 216.13 million tonnes compared to 208.60 million tonnes during 2005-06. Supply, stock, market arrivals and prices of foodgrains are regularly monitored by the Government.