

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4096**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026**

**RISE IN THE CUSTOMER FOOD PRICE INDEX**

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Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the factors identified by the Government for the rise in the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) in the year 2026 particularly the sharp increase in prices of tomatoes and other essential vegetables;
- (b) the details of the quantity of wheat and rice available in the Central Pool as against the prescribed buffer norms, State-wise, as on July 2026;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of rising food inflation on procurement operations during the year 2026 Rabi Marketing Season and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the quantity of wheat procured in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2026 Rabi Marketing Season against the procurement target, district-wise; and
- (e) the details of the market intervention measures undertaken by the Government to stabilise prices of essential food commodities and prevent excessive price volatility in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
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(a) : Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the daily prices of 41 essential food commodities submitted by the 579 price monitoring centres across the country. Retail prices of essential food items like cereals, pulses, potato etc. are largely stable in comparison to the prices last year while retail prices of edible oils remains elevated due to high import dependence and uncertainties on account of geopolitical tensions. Retail prices of highly perishable commodities like tomatoes and other vegetables vulnerable to volatility in prices due to various factors such as seasonality in production and temporary supply chain disruptions.

(b) : The details of the quantity of wheat and rice available in the Central Pool as against the prescribed buffer norms, State-wise, as on July 2026 are given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) : Prices of cereals (wheat & rice) and pulses remain moderated on the back of record foodgrains production in 2025-26, robust procurement and comfortable stocks with the government.

(d) : The details of the quantity of wheat procured in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2026 Rabi Marketing Season against the procurement target, district-wise are given at **Annexure II**.

(e) : Government keeps a close watch on the production and availability of essential commodities through regular reviews by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC). The Committee reviews, on regular basis, the scenario and the indicative trends in prices of essential agri-horticultural commodities and suggests measures to enhance availability through increased domestic production and rationalisation in export-import policies.

Government of India sells surplus food grains (Wheat & Rice), beyond the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) requirements, through open sale under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS(D)). This helps increase the availability of foodgrains in the market, control inflation, ensure food security and make foodgrains more affordable for the general population. In addition, Bharat Atta and Bharat Rice were launched on 6.11.2023 and 6.02.2024, respectively, with a view to provide atta (wheat flour) and rice to general consumers at subsidized rates under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS(D)) policy.

Pulses from the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) buffer are released in a regulated manner to augment the availability and cool down the market prices. Market interventions through buffer stock also help in nudging the market players lower their prices. Buffer stock of pulses also acts as deterrent against speculative hoarding and manipulation by market players. During 2025-26, a total of 4.04 lakh tonnes of pulses were released from the PSF buffer through open market sale. In addition, pulses were also supplied to States/UTs for their welfare schemes on continuous basis, as per demand and availability. In case of onion, a total of 2.87 lakh tonnes of Rabi-2025 harvest were procured during 2025-26. The buffer stock of onion plays critical role in controlling the seasonal fluctuation in prices during the period between Rabi and Kharif onion harvests when prices tend to rise due to the depletion in stored Rabi onions. Onions from the government buffer are released during this lean season in regulated and targeted manner through retail and bulk sales to augment the market availability and stabilise the prices.

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## ANNEXURE-I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4096 FOR 12.08.2026 REGARDING RISE IN THE CUSTOMER FOOD PRICE INDEX.**

| TOTAL STOCKS OF FOODGRAINS IN CENTRAL POOL AS ON 01.07.2026 (Opening Balance)                                                                                                                          |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| (Figs. In LMT)                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |
| Region                                                                                                                                                                                                 | STOCK WITH FCI |        |        | STOCK WITH STATE AGENCIES# |        |        | TOTAL CENTRAL POOL STOCK |        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | RICE           | WHEAT  | TOTAL  | RICE                       | WHEAT  | TOTAL  | RICE                     | WHEAT  | TOTAL  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2              | 3      | 4      | 5                          | 6      | 7      | 8                        | 9      | 10     |
| Bihar                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2.58           | 8.35   | 10.93  | 9.65                       | 0.22   | 9.87   | 12.23                    | 8.57   | 20.80  |
| Jharkhand                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3.52           | 0.52   | 4.04   | 0.78                       | 0.15   | 0.93   | 4.30                     | 0.67   | 4.97   |
| Odisha                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4.63           | 0.33   | 4.96   | 3.16                       | 0.00   | 3.16   | 7.79                     | 0.33   | 8.12   |
| West Bengal                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1.06           | 6.93   | 7.99   | 6.30                       | 0.00   | 6.30   | 7.36                     | 6.93   | 14.29  |
| Zonal Total                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11.79          | 16.13  | 27.92  | 19.89                      | 0.37   | 20.26  | 31.68                    | 16.50  | 48.18  |
| Assam                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3.02           | 0.56   | 3.58   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 3.02                     | 0.56   | 3.58   |
| Arunachal Pr.                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0.36           | 0.00   | 0.36   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.36                     | 0.00   | 0.36   |
| Tripura                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0.37           | 0.05   | 0.42   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.37                     | 0.05   | 0.42   |
| Mizoram                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0.19           | 0.01   | 0.20   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.19                     | 0.01   | 0.20   |
| Meghalaya                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.25           | 0.04   | 0.29   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.25                     | 0.04   | 0.29   |
| Manipur                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0.39           | 0.00   | 0.39   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.39                     | 0.00   | 0.39   |
| Nagaland                                                                                                                                                                                               | 0.44           | 0.00   | 0.44   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.44                     | 0.00   | 0.44   |
| Zonal Total                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5.02           | 0.66   | 5.68   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 5.02                     | 0.66   | 5.68   |
| Delhi                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0.90           | 2.21   | 3.11   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.90                     | 2.21   | 3.11   |
| Haryana                                                                                                                                                                                                | 45.30          | 28.34  | 73.64  | 0.00                       | 79.40  | 79.40  | 45.30                    | 107.74 | 153.04 |
| Himachal Pr.                                                                                                                                                                                           | 0.28           | 0.58   | 0.86   | 0.00                       | 0.01   | 0.01   | 0.28                     | 0.59   | 0.87   |
| J&K                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1.67           | 0.83   | 2.50   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 1.67                     | 0.83   | 2.50   |
| Punjab                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 154.25         | 25.16  | 179.41 | 0.00                       | 114.85 | 114.85 | 154.25                   | 140.01 | 294.26 |
| Rajasthan                                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.21           | 30.91  | 31.12  | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.21                     | 30.91  | 31.12  |
| Uttar Pr.                                                                                                                                                                                              | 30.82          | 28.50  | 59.32  | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 30.82                    | 28.50  | 59.32  |
| Uttrakhand                                                                                                                                                                                             | 0.22           | 1.46   | 1.68   | 0.70                       | 0.05   | 0.75   | 0.92                     | 1.51   | 2.43   |
| Zonal Total                                                                                                                                                                                            | 233.65         | 117.99 | 351.64 | 0.70                       | 194.31 | 195.01 | 234.35                   | 312.30 | 546.65 |
| Andhra Pr.                                                                                                                                                                                             | 15.31          | 0.41   | 15.72  | 7.95                       | 0.00   | 7.95   | 23.26                    | 0.41   | 23.67  |
| Karnataka                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8.91           | 1.05   | 9.96   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 8.91                     | 1.05   | 9.96   |
| Kerala                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4.89           | 0.71   | 5.60   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 4.89                     | 0.71   | 5.60   |
| Tamil Nadu                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10.78          | 1.10   | 11.88  | 4.50                       | 0.00   | 4.50   | 15.28                    | 1.10   | 16.38  |
| Telangana                                                                                                                                                                                              | 19.37          | 0.37   | 19.74  | 6.61                       | 0.00   | 6.61   | 25.98                    | 0.37   | 26.35  |
| Zonal Total                                                                                                                                                                                            | 59.26          | 3.64   | 62.90  | 19.06                      | 0.00   | 19.06  | 78.32                    | 3.64   | 81.96  |
| Gujarat                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3.77           | 5.48   | 9.25   | 0.10                       | 1.10   | 1.20   | 3.87                     | 6.58   | 10.45  |
| Maharashtra                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7.96           | 9.25   | 17.21  | 1.97                       | 0.00   | 1.97   | 9.93                     | 9.25   | 19.18  |
| Madhya Pr.                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8.09           | 2.78   | 10.87  | 5.93                       | 164.98 | 170.91 | 14.02                    | 167.76 | 181.78 |
| Chhattisgarh                                                                                                                                                                                           | 18.77          | 0.08   | 18.85  | 3.85                       | 0.00   | 3.85   | 22.62                    | 0.08   | 22.70  |
| Zonal Total                                                                                                                                                                                            | 38.59          | 17.59  | 56.18  | 11.85                      | 166.08 | 177.93 | 50.44                    | 183.67 | 234.11 |
| Total                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 348.31         | 156.01 | 504.32 | 51.50                      | 360.76 | 412.26 | 399.81                   | 516.77 | 916.58 |
| Wheat lying in mandies                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0.00           | 0.17   | 0.17   | 0.00                       | 3.86   | 3.86   | 0.00                     | 4.03   | 4.03   |
| Stock in Transit                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3.30           | 1.94   | 5.24   | 0.00                       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 3.30                     | 1.94   | 5.24   |
| Total (All India)                                                                                                                                                                                      | 351.61         | 158.12 | 509.73 | 51.50                      | 364.62 | 416.12 | 403.11                   | 522.74 | 925.85 |
| * Raj. (FCI 0.05 LMT, State agencies 0.21 LMT), UP (FCI 0.12 LMT, State agencies 3.62 LMT), MP (State agencies 0.01 LMT), Himachal Pradesh (State agencies 0.01 LMT), Bihar (State agencies 0.02 LMT). |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |
| # As reported by State Govt.                                                                                                                                                                           |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |
| 1.Transit figures are estimated.                                                                                                                                                                       |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |
| 2. Rice does not include unmilled paddy with FCI / State Agencies in terms of Rice.                                                                                                                    |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |
| 3.Total quantity of unmilled Paddy with FCI and State Agencies = 387.45 LMT (FCI =0.04 LMT; State Agencies= 387.41 LMT). CMR that could be derived aking out-turn ratio as 67% =259.59 LMT.            |                |        |        |                            |        |        |                          |        |        |

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| Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh      |           |                |                                           |                                            |                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Wheat Procurement Summary (Marketing Year: 2026-2027)<br>(2026-2027) |           |                |                                           |                                            |                                          |
| Sl. No.                                                              | Division  | District       | Procurement Target<br>(in Million Tonnes) | Cumulative Procurement (in Million Tonnes) | Percentage of Procurement against Target |
| 1                                                                    | 2         | 3              | 4                                         | 5                                          | 6                                        |
| 1                                                                    | Ayodhya   | Amethi         | 27500                                     | 27257.45                                   | 99.12                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Ambedkar Nagar | 31500                                     | 31730.69                                   | 100.73                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Ayodhya        | 19500                                     | 20742.22                                   | 106.37                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Barabanki      | 27000                                     | 25070.87                                   | 92.86                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Sultanpur      | 19500                                     | 23266.61                                   | 119.32                                   |
| <b>Ayodhya Division Total</b>                                        |           |                | <b>125000</b>                             | <b>128067.84</b>                           | <b>102.45</b>                            |
| 2                                                                    | Aligarh   | Aligarh        | 41500                                     | 41602.84                                   | 100.25                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Eta            | 23500                                     | 28442.83                                   | 121.03                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Kasganj        | 10500                                     | 11464.93                                   | 109.19                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Hathras        | 15000                                     | 16561.95                                   | 110.41                                   |
| <b>Aligarh Division Total</b>                                        |           |                | <b>90500</b>                              | <b>98072.55</b>                            | <b>108.37</b>                            |
| 3                                                                    | Agra      | Agra           | 25500                                     | 16630.91                                   | 65.22                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Firozabad      | 16500                                     | 18611.82                                   | 112.80                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Mathura        | 50500                                     | 32934.22                                   | 65.22                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Mainpuri       | 23500                                     | 26788.13                                   | 113.99                                   |
| <b>Agra Division Total</b>                                           |           |                | <b>116000</b>                             | <b>94965.08</b>                            | <b>81.87</b>                             |
| 4                                                                    | Azamgarh  | Azamgarh       | 37000                                     | 36382.19                                   | 98.33                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Balia          | 31000                                     | 34387.24                                   | 110.93                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Mau            | 21500                                     | 20621.85                                   | 95.92                                    |
| <b>Azamgarh Division Total</b>                                       |           |                | <b>89500</b>                              | <b>91391.28</b>                            | <b>102.11</b>                            |
| 5                                                                    | Kanpur    | Etawah         | 23500                                     | 21078.99                                   | 89.70                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Auraiya        | 19500                                     | 18533.44                                   | 95.04                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Kannauj        | 8500                                      | 9291.12                                    | 109.31                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Kanpur Dehat   | 37500                                     | 28650.33                                   | 76.40                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Kanpur Nagar   | 27500                                     | 20184.60                                   | 73.40                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Farrukhabad    | 15500                                     | 11522.43                                   | 74.34                                    |
| <b>Kanpur Division Total</b>                                         |           |                | <b>132000</b>                             | <b>109260.91</b>                           | <b>82.77</b>                             |
| 6                                                                    | Gorakhpur | Kushinagar     | 15500                                     | 13901.88                                   | 89.69                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Gorakhpur      | 27500                                     | 24630.98                                   | 89.57                                    |
|                                                                      |           | Devariya       | 18000                                     | 23328.91                                   | 129.61                                   |
|                                                                      |           | Maharaj Ganj   | 57000                                     | 37551.17                                   | 65.88                                    |

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Gorakhpur Division Total</b>                |                 |                   | <b>118000</b> | <b>99412.94</b>  | <b>84.25</b>  |
| 7                                              | Chitrakut       | Chitrakut         | 17000         | 18486.74         | 108.75        |
|                                                |                 | Banda             | 32500         | 33952.89         | 104.47        |
|                                                |                 | Mahoba            | 55500         | 36751.65         | 66.22         |
|                                                |                 | Hamirpur          | 75000         | 50985.15         | 67.98         |
| <b>Chitrakoot Division Total</b>               |                 |                   | <b>180000</b> | <b>140176.42</b> | <b>77.88</b>  |
| 8                                              | Jhansi          | Jalaun            | 88000         | 56244.96         | 63.91         |
|                                                |                 | Jhansi            | 99500         | 82575.85         | 82.99         |
|                                                |                 | Lalitput          | 69000         | 62987.55         | 91.29         |
| <b>Jhansi Division Total</b>                   |                 |                   | <b>256500</b> | <b>201808.35</b> | <b>78.68</b>  |
| 9                                              | Devipatan       | Gonda             | 28000         | 28360.84         | 101.29        |
|                                                |                 | Balrampur         | 17500         | 21607.11         | 123.47        |
|                                                |                 | Bahraich          | 63500         | 44405.01         | 69.93         |
|                                                |                 | Shrawasti         | 20500         | 18102.65         | 88.31         |
| <b>Devipatan Division Total</b>                |                 |                   | <b>129500</b> | <b>112475.61</b> | <b>86.85</b>  |
| 10                                             | Prayagraj       | Kaushambi         | 54500         | 32293.83         | 59.25         |
|                                                |                 | Pratapgarh        | 23500         | 29161.07         | 124.09        |
|                                                |                 | Prayagraj         | 57000         | 77990.80         | 136.83        |
|                                                |                 | Fatehpur          | 38500         | 37420.48         | 97.20         |
| <b>Prayagraj Division Total</b>                |                 |                   | <b>173500</b> | <b>176866.18</b> | <b>101.94</b> |
| 11                                             | <b>Bareilly</b> | Pilibhit          | 83000         | 35654.81         | 42.96         |
|                                                |                 | Badaun            | 48500         | 40984.06         | 84.50         |
|                                                |                 | Bareilly          | 64000         | 50835.78         | 79.43         |
|                                                |                 | Shahjanpur        | 87000         | 70978.63         | 81.58         |
| <b>मण्डल बरेली योग Bareilly Division Total</b> |                 |                   | <b>282500</b> | <b>198453.29</b> | <b>70.25</b>  |
| 12                                             | Basti           | Basti             | 19500         | 20872.75         | 107.04        |
|                                                |                 | Sant Kabir Nagar  | 14500         | 13374.22         | 92.24         |
|                                                |                 | Siddharthnagar    | 26500         | 21861.56         | 82.50         |
| <b>Basti Division Total</b>                    |                 |                   | <b>60500</b>  | <b>56108.53</b>  | <b>92.74</b>  |
| 13                                             | Meerut          | Ghaziabad         | 2000          | 1779.45          | 88.97         |
|                                                |                 | Gautam Budh Nagar | 5500          | 5764.34          | 104.81        |
|                                                |                 | Buland Shahar     | 26500         | 15519.97         | 58.57         |
|                                                |                 | Baghpat           | 5000          | 3051.37          | 61.03         |
|                                                |                 | Meerut            | 7000          | 6119.65          | 87.42         |
|                                                |                 | Hapur             | 5000          | 4219.21          | 84.38         |
| <b>Meerut Division Total</b>                   |                 |                   | <b>51000</b>  | <b>36453.98</b>  | <b>71.48</b>  |
| 14                                             | Muradabad       | Amroha            | 10500         | 10453.27         | 99.55         |
|                                                |                 | Bijnor            | 18500         | 17380.66         | 93.95         |
|                                                |                 | Muradabad         | 29500         | 31133.98         | 105.54        |
|                                                |                 | Rampur            | 43500         | 36747.03         | 84.48         |
|                                                |                 | Sambhal           | 32000         | 36061.74         | 112.69        |
| <b>Moradabad Division Total</b>                |                 |                   | <b>134000</b> | <b>131776.67</b> | <b>98.34</b>  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 15                                                              | Luckow      | Unnao              | 20500          | 24343.42          | 118.75       |
|                                                                 |             | Khiri              | 79000          | 68216.51          | 86.35        |
|                                                                 |             | Raebareli          | 32000          | 29745.06          | 92.95        |
|                                                                 |             | Lucknow            | 8500           | 7884.04           | 92.75        |
|                                                                 |             | Sitapur            | 47500          | 50064.62          | 105.40       |
|                                                                 |             | Hardoi             | 52000          | 35340.10          | 67.96        |
| <b>Lucknow Division Total</b>                                   |             |                    | <b>239500</b>  | <b>215593.76</b>  | <b>90.02</b> |
| 16                                                              | Varanasi    | Ghazipur           | 43000          | 36632.38          | 85.19        |
|                                                                 |             | Chandauli          | 40000          | 29743.89          | 74.36        |
|                                                                 |             | Jaunpur            | 33500          | 32216.02          | 96.17        |
|                                                                 |             | Varanasi           | 12000          | 8935.99           | 74.47        |
| <b>Varanasi Division Total</b>                                  |             |                    | <b>128500</b>  | <b>107528.28</b>  | <b>83.68</b> |
| 17                                                              | Vidhyanchal | Mirzapur           | 56000          | 46620.48          | 83.25        |
|                                                                 |             | Sant Ravidas Nagar | 10500          | 10277.35          | 97.88        |
|                                                                 |             | Sonbhadra          | 27500          | 26983.97          | 98.12        |
| <b>Vindhyachal Division Total</b>                               |             |                    | <b>94000</b>   | <b>83881.80</b>   | <b>89.24</b> |
| 18                                                              | Shaharanpur | Muzzafarnagar      | 14500          | 16637.10          | 114.74       |
|                                                                 |             | Shamli             | 25000          | 13114.36          | 52.46        |
|                                                                 |             | Sharanpur          | 60000          | 44375.25          | 73.96        |
| <b>Saharanpur Division Total</b>                                |             |                    | <b>99500</b>   | <b>74126.71</b>   | <b>74.50</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                              |             |                    | <b>2500000</b> | <b>2156420.18</b> | <b>86.26</b> |
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| Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh |             |                    |                |                   |              |

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