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Title : Rising potato, onion and milk prices worry for govt

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Rising prices of potato, pulses, onion and milk have been identified as one of the priority concerns for the Narendra Modi government. At a meeting chaired by the cabinet secretary last week before Modi took charge as the PM, consumer affairs ministry was asked to keep track of prices of pulses and take necessary steps, sources said.

Government officials said while the food inflation was moderate at 5.2% in April in comparison to 5.7% in March, the inflation in April last year was much less at 5.77%. They added that the food ministry had submitted the details of

foodgrain stock till May 12.

But there are concerns of potato prices going up as the

supply is set to fall in the next few months. Potato price rise was the steepest in Thiruvanthapuram (Rs 11 kg).

Even onion prices have increased across most of the cities in the last two months.

The increase ranged between Rs 2 and Rs 7 per kg, according to the data from price monitoring cell (PMC).

The data also show prices of some of the pulses going up between March 26 and May 26. Moong dal prices in Delhi recorded an increase by Rs 14 per kg.

On Tuesday, new food and consumer affairs minister Ram Vilas Paswan said checking food inflation will be the main focus for the new government.

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Retail Price in ₹/kg		
Potato		
City	May 26	Mar 26
Delhi	24	20
Mumbai	31	26
Patna	18	13
Kolkata	17	12
T'puram	33	22
Moongdal		
Delhi	105	91
A'bad	98	72
Nagpur	87	67