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

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Rising prices of potato, pulses, onion and mil have been identified as one of the priority concerns for th Narendra Modi government At a meeting chaired by th cabinet secretary last wee before Modi took charge as th PM, consumer affairs minis try was asked to keep track o prices of pulses and take nec essary steps, sources said.

Government officials sai while the food inflation wa moderate at 5.2% in April in comparison to 5.7% in March the inflation in April last yea was much less at 5.77%. The added that the food ministr had submitted the details of foodgrain stock till May 12. Th wheat stock stood at 245.6 lak tonnes in comparison to 237. lakh tonnes in May 2013.

But there are concerns o potato prices going up as th supply is set to fall in the nex few months. Potato price ris was the steepest in Thiruvan thapuram (Rs 11 kg).

Even onion prices have in creased 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).

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

### SKYROCKETING

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

