

Price rise: why this indifference?



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Skyrocketing price rising of essential commodities, amidst other problems, paralyses not only the life of poor but also the life of well-to-do of the entire country. Why such a situation arises does not need citation. From the time of last Lok Sabha election as we have noticed, price of the essential commodities began to soar. The prime reason of this rising is undoubtedly the result of collection of money made by all the political parties from the traders. As such, the government, both the central and state government cannot pressurize the traders to curtail down the soaring prices of essential commodities. Instead, they have to take the side of the traders. And this makes common people victim.

Obviously this brings about a hurdle to the common mass today, nearly seventy percent people of the state feel complex to earn lively-hood. They are unable to arrange their sustenance. A recent media report, which was published in Dainik Agradoot, revealed that the price of the essential commodities increases unbelievably. The report showed that the price of one-kilogram common rice varies from rupees 14 to rupees 22.

Certainly we may put a question in this context that how can a family buy rice whose daily income is not more than fifty rupees. It is heartening. But unfortunately our government as well as the elected representatives remains indifferent towards the problem. The same report cited that a nexus between state administration and the traders come off. And by dint of which the traders hike the prices of essential commodities almost everyday. The state administration infringes some rule and regulations, especially the Essential Commodities Act, 1956 and the Prevention of Black Marketing Act. On the other hand though the Chief Minister asserts to take necessary step to control the price rise but it becomes null and void like his promises prior to last assembly election in 2006.

Apart from this the central government makes only some desperate attempts. It is quite obvious that this encourages the traders to increase the price of the essential commodities. The comment of Union Agriculture minister Sharad Pawar that published in Rashtravadi urging the people to buy less sugar for mitigating the problem is also negative. It is seen that he also likes to shun the problem instead of taking responsible measure to ameliorate the situation. From this it can be taken for granted that the problem will deepen.

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