

**Bharatiya Janata Party**  
**Prices of Essential Commodities in Mumbai**  
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Commodity	Rates in BJP Government (Per Kg in Rs.) May 2004	Rates in First Congress Government (Per Kg in Rs.) April 2009	Rates in Second Congress Government (Per Kg in Rs.) 17th February 2014	Increase compared to 2004 prices (Percentage%)
Wheat	9	20	28	211%
Rice	10	22	30	200%
Sugar	14	23	34	143%
Tea Powder	80	190	300	275%
Edible Oil	40 (per litre)	70 (per litre)	88 (per litre)	120%
Dalda	40	60	100	150%
Toor Dal	30	100	76	153%
Moong Dal	24	54	108	350%
Masoor Dal	22	60	78	255%
Gram Dal	25	36	52	108%
Jaggery	14	32	45	221%
Besan	20	48	60	200%
Potato	8	14	20	150%
Onion	6	16	20	233%
Tomato	9	16	20	122%
Milk	14 (per litre)	28 (per litre)	58 (per litre)	314%
Kerosene	18 (per litre)	25 (per litre)	70 (per litre)	289%
Cooking Gas (LPG)	244 (per cylinder)	312 (per cylinder)	453.00 (per cylinder) * 1167.50(per cylinder) <b>without subsidy</b>	86% 378%
Petrol	33.15 (per litre)	44.60(per litre)	81.45 (per litre)	146%
Diesel	22.50 (per litre)	34.50(per litre)	63.32 (per litre)	181%
CNG	19.71 (per kg)	24.65(per kg)	38.95 (per kg)	98%
Dollar \$	<b>Rs. 45.10</b>	<b>Rs. 50.05</b>	<b>Rs. 61.82</b>	<b>37%</b>

**Important Note:**

1. While presenting the interim budget on 17th February 2014, Finance Minister Shri P. Chidambaram has claimed that the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) for 2013-2014 would be 4.9%. This lowest rate is a warning bell for the country's economy. The retail inflation as gauged by the consumer price index (CPI) was as high as 11.24% in November 2013. The Finance Minister has claimed in his budget speech that it is now at 6.20%. However a glance at the above chart of prices of essential commodities will indicate the failure of the Government to control the prices.

2. The conversion rate for one US\$ was Rs.45.10 in 2004. It has now reached to Rs.61.82, increase by 37%. It means we will have to pay 37% more for imports. Since our imports are more than exports, the devaluation has adverse impact on economy.

3. Crude oil imports have shot up from 70% to 80%. Simultaneously its price in international market has also sky-rocketed. This has accelerated the speed of vicious circle of increasing prices. In his press conference held on 3rd January 2014, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh confessed that the tragic Congress defeat in 4 state assembly elections held in December 2013 was mainly due to increasing prices. However the Finance Minister has congratulated himself for the progress on economic front. It is a hollow claim.