

**BJP Women Wing resolves to defeat Congress on Price Rise Front**

**Mumbai, Thursday:** To a question from Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister, "Whether you want to repeat Congress Government who doubled the prices of wheat and rice during the last five years?" the spontaneous response from hundreds of women was "No! No! Never!" Shri Ram Naik was addressing women's gathering organized by Charkop BJP Ward No.18 on the occasion of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's death anniversary.

"Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay taught us to serve the poorest among poor '*Daridri Narayan*'! Vajpayee government, therefore, made successful efforts to keep the prices of essential commodities under control", stated Shri Ram Naik. He also gave a comparative chart of prices of essential commodities during the Vajpayee Government as well as the present Congress Government. While wheat is being currently sold at Rs.20 per kg and rice at Rs.22 per kg, the same were available at Rs. 9 and Rs. 10 respectively during May 2004. The jaggary is presently at Rs. 32 per kg and sugar at Rs.23, both the articles were available at Rs. 14 per kg during the Vajpayee Government. Tea powder being sold now at Rs. 180 per kg was then available at Rs. 80. Explaining the economic reasons behind the price rise and the economic recession Shri Naik circulated a detailed statement of comparative prices and appealed to the women to go house to house and explain the situation.

Stating that BJP has the highest number of women MPs Smt Vinda Kirtikar, President, BJP Mahila Morcha appealed to the women to participate in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections in a big way. Shri Yogesh Sagar, Municipal Councilor and President, BJP North Mumbai said, "While presenting the last year's budget the then Finance Minister Dr P Chidambaram had boasted that the GDP would increase in double digit. However, the latest government figures indicate it at 7.1%. More than 1.25 crore employees are under the threat of unemployment. How a common-man can carry such burden?" asked Shri Sagar.

While Smt Shailaja Girkar, Municipal Councilor, Smt Leena Deherkar, Smt Darshana Malkan and Smt Sangeeta Rewale addressed the gathering Smt Jyoti Gholap, Shri Yogesh Padwal organized the function. Smt Sangeeta Pawar proposed a vote of thanks.

(Office Secretary)

**Encl.: Price Statement**

11th February 2009  
Death Anniversary of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay

**Bhartiya Janata Party**  
***Congress ka Hath, Mahangai ke Sath***  
(The prices are of Mumbai. Compiled by Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister)

Items	Prices during BJP regime (Rs.per kg) May 2004	Prices during Congress regime (Rs.per kg) 2 February 2009	Price rise (Percentage)
Wheat	9	20	122%
Rice	10	22	120%
Sugar	14	23	64%
Tea Powder	80	180	125%
Edible Oil	40 (per litre)	86 (per litre)	115%
Dalda	40	60	50%
Moong Dal (Green beans)	24	54	125%
Masoor Dal (Red lentil)	22	68	209%
Gram (Chana Dal)	25	42	68%
Jaggery	14	32	128%
Gram flour	20	48	140%
Potato	8	12	50%
Onion	6	20	233%
Tomato	9	10	11%
Milk	14 (per litre)	28 (per litre)	100%
Kerosene	18 (per litre)	25 (per litre)	39%
Cooking Gas (LPG)	244 (per cylinder)	312 (per cylinder)	29%
Petrol	33.15 (per litre)	44.60 (per litre)	34%
Diesel	22.50 (per litre)	34.50 (per litre)	53%

During the regime of Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee; Consumer Price Index for Mumbai was 428. After the induction of Dr. Manmohan Singh's Congress Government it rose to 442 in June 2005, 468 in June 2006, 496 in June 2007 and thereafter reached upto 528 in March 2008. This increase was 23%. However, since **April 2008 the Congress Government discontinued the practice of calculating Consumer Price Index.**

Moreover inflation has been also increasing. On 6th September 2008 inflation index was 12.14 % which was **highest in last 16 years**. Though it is now reduced upto 5.07%, one has to keep it in mind that the index is derived from wholesale prices and essential commodities are still available to common-man at sky-rocketed prices.

Dr. P. Chidambaram, the then Finance Minister had boasted while presenting his last budget in February 2008 that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will be in 2 digit i.e. more than 10%. Against this, the government press note released on 9th February 2009 stated that the GDP for this year is expected to be 7.1%. **This clearly indicates the country is going through recession.** The conditions are so bad that 1.25 crore persons have lost their jobs and 25 lakh are facing lay-offs. In this scenario, how the common-man would face this price increase?

**See for yourself how BJP Government was and Congress Government is. Think again!**