

**Chief Minister asks district magistrates
to control onion, tomato prices**

**It should be ensured that middlemen don't
stock it and increase prices in the market**

**Instructions issued to crackdown
on hoarders and black marketeers**

**Concerned department also to be vigilant to ensure
that the prices of onion, tomato and other essential
items do not increase due to hoarders**

**A request to be made to the Agriculture Ministry,
Government of India, to consider supply to
Uttar Pradesh in case it imports onion**

**Chief Minister reviews the prices of
vegetables in various 'mandis' of the state**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has expressed worry at the increase in prices of onion and tomato and asked concerned officials to ensure that their prices are reined in. He also directed all district magistrates to ensure that at no level, the hoarders and black-marketers are allowed to stock the vegetables and allow price increase in the market.

In case people are found to be hoarding these essential vegetables, the administration should crack down on them and ensure relief to the people. He also asked the concerned department to be vigilant about the price hike of onions, tomatoes and other vegetables due to hoarding. The Chief Minister was today reviewing the market

rates of various vegetables in mandi's of the state, at his Shastri Bhawan office.

During the review it was found that prices of onion and tomatoes were more than the actual market price. The Chief Minister also directed officials to request the Union Agriculture and Food Ministry to ensure supply of onions in case they are being imported. It was found during the review that the average wholesale price of tomatoes in November was between Rs. 2500-3000 per quintal and in retail price was Rs. 40-50 per kg.

In the same way, the wholesale price of onion was Rs. 2600-2800 per quintal while it was being sold at Rs. 35 per kg or more. Prices of other vegetables was found to be normal in the market. During the review meeting, the Chief Minister was apprised that the new harvest of tomatoes will reach the market by November end which will lead to normalization of the prices.

With regards to onion it was discovered that at present the onion produced in the Kharif season was being sent to the markets of the state by Maharashtra and Gujarat for sale and if the supply was less and it can lead to price increase. Yogi ji pointed out that all efforts were being done by the state government to provide relief to the people of the state. He also directed officials to crack down on hoarders and black marketeers.

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