

Paragraph on Price Hike of Essential Commodities

Question: Answer the following questions to form a continuous paragraph. (100 words)

When and how did you know about the price hike?

Which essentials were the most expensive?

Why did it happen?

How did the common people react?

What were you feeling about it?

What did the government do?

What more should be done?

Answer: There was a big price hike in essentials in Bangladesh in September and October. We all experienced it in the market while shopping. All the newspapers in the country published the news with great concern. The hike was a widely talked about subject everywhere in Bangladesh. The prices of almost all the essential commodities rose beyond the reach of the poor and the middle-class people. The most expensive items were vegetables, especially brinjal and green chili. The price hike was caused by the prolonged untimely flood in the country. The holy month of Ramadan also contributed a lot to it, because people, during this month, try to buy and consume some of these items more than in other months. The flood had damaged our crops and disrupted rail and road communication. This also worsened the problem. Some dishonest businessmen made the best use of the situation. They earned illegal and immoral profits at the cost of our suffering. The common people, who always bear the brunt of the price hike, reacted patiently. They knew that they were helpless. I felt for the poor people, but I had nothing to do. The government formed monitoring cells to control the price hike. Law enforcement agencies were deployed to fight corruption. The import of essentials was

encouraged by the government through tax cuts. But nothing seemed to prove fruitful. The rich and the business class should come forward to ensure proper distribution of the commodities. Now we should do research work to overcome price hikes in the future.

Or,

Price Hike of Essential Commodities

More than ever the prices of essential commodities are going up by leaps and bounds. All previous records of high prices have been broken. Rice, fish, meat, chicken, kerosene oil, edible oils, and vegetables are being sold at exceedingly high prices. Price hikes hit the poor people. However, the prices of rice and vegetables have gone down recently owing to the season's new rice and vegetables. But one kilo of soyabean oil sold at taka one month back, is now being sold at taka Similarly the price of kerosene oil now brings suffering to the villagers. The hoarders are responsible for this. Strict measures should be taken by the government to curb the hoarders' ill motive which creates an artificial crisis of essential commodities. The government has already made an Open Market Sale (OMS) of rice to curb the price hike and as such it is now under control, but the prices of sugar, washing soap, onion, garlic, and other commodities are beyond the purchasing capacity of common men. The authority concerned is being requested to look into the matter and to take strict measures so that the prices of essential commodities remain within the reach of common people.