



Trader Noorjahan Mohd Ibrahim with the Indian onions she is selling for RM13 per kg at the Ipoh central market yesterday. PIC BY MUHAIZAN YAHYA

Public shocked over price of Indian onions

IPOH: The price of Indian onions has increased drastically here as traders raise prices due to disruption of supply.

Checks at the Ipoh central market found traders doubling or tripling prices of Indian onions. Some have stopped selling the item.

Noorjahan Mohd Ibrahim, 41, sold Indian onions between RM2.50 and RM3 per kg, but had been selling them at RM7 per kg in the past two months.

"Even the smaller variety of Indian onions, which were sold for RM8 per kg, are now priced at RM13 per kg.

"There are a lot of complaints from customers who are shocked by the prices.

"But suppliers have set a high price for onions, leaving us with no choice but to raise prices."

Trader Noorzihan Aji Alang Wahi, 57, stopped selling Indian onions last month due to the high wholesale price.

"Now I sell only Holland onions."

Consumer G. Shalini Devi, 34, hoped a solution would be found as Indian onions were a staple food.

On Wednesday, the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry enforcement division said it would investigate the supply chain of Indian onions to address the problem.