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Export Target of Foodgrains

1661. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) what was the target of export of foodgrains for the year 2001-2002;
- (b) the figure of actual export of foodgrains;
- (c) the target of export of foodgrains set for the year 2002-2003; and
- (d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) There was not target. However, 50 lakh MTs of wheat and 30 lakh MTs of rice were offered from the Central Pool for export 32.02 lakh MTs (approx). of wheat and 9.91 lakh MTs (approx.) of rice have been exported from the Central Pool.

(c) and (d) The Government has lifted quantitative restrictions on export of wheat and rice from the Central Pool, subject to the condition that stocks of 243 lakh MTs (100 lakh MTs of rice and 143 lakh MTs of wheat) would be maintained at any point of time.

Recommendations of Prof. Abhijit Sen Committee

1662. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received recommendations of Prof. Abhijit Sen Committee set up on Food Management Policy;
- (b) if so, the recommendations made therein; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government on each of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The High Level committee (HLC) to formulate a Long Term