

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and when this policy is to be announced as sugar industry in India, especially in Uttar Pradesh, is collapsing due to no uniform policy; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of introducing a uniform sugar policy all over India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) The customs duty on various commodities including sugar are adjusted from time to time depending on supply and demand situations.

(b) and (c) Government of India's policy relating to sugar are based on certain principles and are applicable uniformly throughout the country.

Policy for Targeted PDS

1692. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government propose to abolish the supply of sugar, kerosene and some other essential commodities coming under public distribution system;

(b) if so, to what extent and the reason therefor; and

(c) what is the new policy adopted as regards TPDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Warehousing Capacity for Agricultural Products

1693. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to increase the present warehousing capacity for agricultural products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry is having following Plan Schemes for increasing the present warehousing capacity for storage of foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains):—

- (i) The food Corporation of India constructs new godowns every year keeping in view the need for the Public Distribution System and availability of plan funds from the Government of India.
- (ii) The Central Warehousing Corporation constructs new warehouses for storage of agricultural produce (in addition to notified commodities, industrial goods, etc.) from out of its own resources.
- (iii) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of godowns upto 2,000 MT Capacity especially in remote, hilly, backward and inaccessible areas for strengthening of Public Distribution System. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is given to States in the form of 50% subsidy and 50% loan.

2. Further, the Union Agriculture Ministry has recently approved a Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction/expansion/modernisation of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce.

Profit and Losses of Super Bazar

1694. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit and loss position of Super Bazar, Delhi, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there have been cases of large scale corruption against the top brass of Super Bazar during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government?