

मदों पर किए गए खर्च की तुलनात्मक स्थिति नीचे दी गई है :—

(करोड़ रुपये में)

	1992-93	1993-94 अनुमानित
भाड़ा	578.65	850
दोरियों को हैंडल करने के प्रभार	237.47	254
भण्डारण प्रभार	399.45	310
व्याज प्रभार	876.71	1200
मार्गस्थ हानियाँ	142.39	132
भण्डारण हानियाँ	73.11	68
प्रशासनिक प्रभार	297.32	260

(च) भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा खुले बाजार में गेहूँ की बिक्री करने से कोई लाभ कमाने की संभावना नहीं है क्योंकि खुले बाजार में गेहूँ की बिक्री के दाम भारतीय खाद्य निगम के खाद्यान्नों की इकनामिक लागत से कम होते हैं।

Price Rise of Items Under Public Distribution System

\$1596. SHRI G. G. SWELL :

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :

SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR :

SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD :

SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the price of wheat and rice has been jacked up by 21 to 23 per cent;

(b) whether this has come in the wake of steep increase in the prices of sugar;

(c) if so, the reasons for the increases;

(d) the details of the burden on the poor sections who draw their necessities from the public distribution system;

(e) whether it is a fact that prices of sugar, rice and wheat have also increased in the open market; and

(f) whether Government made any assessment of the rise in the prices of food-grains in the open market; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI) : (a) The percentage increase in central issue prices of wheat and rice for Public Distribution System effective from 1-2-1994 is as under :—

Commodity	Percentage of increase over the previous Central issue prices
Wheat	21.8%
Rice ;	
Common	22.8%
Fine	24.1%
Superfine	25.0%

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(b) to (d) With a view to partially absorb the increase in the procurement prices of wheat and paddy paid to farmers during 1993-94 rabi and kharif marketing seasons and consequential increase in their procurement cost, the Central issue

prices (Ex-FCI godown) of wheat and rice issued to the States/Union Territories by Food Corporation of India from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System have been increased with effect from 1-2-1994 as under :

Commodity	(Rs. per quintal)		
	Central Issue Price (Ex-FCI godown) per		Increase per quintal
	Prior to 1-2-1994	from 1-2-1994	
Wheat	330.00	402.00	72.00
<i>Rice :</i>			
Common	437.00	537.00	100.00
Fine	497.00	617.00	120.00
Superfine	518.00	648.00	130.00

(e) to (g) The percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Index of Rice, wheat and Sugar is as under :—

Commodity	Weekly percentage variation week ending			
	22-1-1994	29-1-1994	5-2-1994	12-2-1994
Rice	—0.4	—0.6	+2.7	—0.8
Wheat	+0.7	+1.0	+7.1	+1.0
Sugar	—0.3	+0.4	+4.6	+0.6

Open market prices are dependent on the relative position of overall supply and demand of foodgrains etc. in the market. Government has been closely monitoring the prices of foodgrains.

Compelling Circumstances for Price Hike of Essential Commodities

@@1597. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what were the compelling circumstances under which the prices of essential commodities, namely, wheat, rice, sugar, etc. were increased before the presentation of Budget;

(b) whether there has been any review of prices of essential commodities in an inter-Ministerial meeting;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) to what extent the hike in prices of essential commodities has affected the