

Bolangir and Cuttack, remain without Food Corporation of India owned depot. The essential commodities for these districts are being stored in the nearest depots of the adjacent districts in the godowns hired from other Agencies and private parties.

Central Warehousing Corporation is operating its 10 warehouses in 7 districts in the State of Orissa, namely Bargarh, Ganjam, Jeypore, Sambalpur, Jajpur Road, Cuttack and Khurda.

(b) Yes, Sir. Food Corporation of India has proposed to construct godowns at the following places.

Centre	Revenue District
1. Rayagada	Rayagada
2. Attabira	Bargarh
3. Umeiri	Koraput
4. Kesinga	Kalahandi

During 1993-94, a capacity of 10,000 Metric Tonnes has been completed at Badampahar in revenue district Mayurbhanj.

It is not practical/economically viable to have Food Corporation of India owned godown in each revenue district. The construction of additional capacity is undertaken by Food Corporation of India keeping in view the requirement and availability of suitable land/funds.

Stopping of rice procurement by FCI

7167. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged Food Corporation of India to stop procurement of rice; and

(b) if so, what measures Government intend to take to prevent far-

mers to sell their additional production in distress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Government have decided not to accept levy rice beyond the statutory limit in any of the States. However, in the case of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa which are having two distinct procurement seasons for paddy, it has been agreed to accept the levy rice in excess of statutory limit prescribed for a particular season to be adjusted in due course for the whole year.

(b) Paddy is being procured by the Food Corporation of India and State procuring agencies from farmers at Minimum Support Prices under price support scheme through 6237 purchase centres opened during kharif marketing season 1993-94. Government is continuously monitoring implementation of the price support scheme for rabi and kharif foodgrains and all efforts are made to ensure that farmers are not compelled to sell their produce below the Minimum Support Price.

Effect of export of basmati rice on price of foodgrains

7168. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision to export Basmati rice is in keeping with the general prescription included in the structural adjustment programme;

(b) whether this decision will affect the price of Basmati; and

(c) if so, whether this will have a cascading effect on the price of other varieties of rice and other staple foodgrains? ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Open-export of Basmati rice has been allowed for the last many years. Export of Basmati rice provides the

farmer an expanded market and hence, the possibility of higher prices. Continued export of Basmati rice will not have any adverse affect on the price of non-Basmati rice and other staple foodgrains since Basmati rice is not an item of mass consumption and the quantity exported is small compared to the total production of rice and other foodgrains in the country.

Rise in sugar production

7169. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar production in the country will rise during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether during the current sugar session farmers have planted more sugarcane at the sugarcane producing areas;

(d) if so, in which State the farmers have increased the sugarcane plantation; and

(e) what is the target fixed for sugar during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Since sugar is an agro-based industry depending upon the vagaries of weather, no forecast can be made at this stage regarding production of sugar during 1994-95 season.

(c) and (d) Information on cane planting for 1994-95 has not become available so far.

(e) The Committee constituted to formulate the Development Pro-

gramme for Sugar Industry for the Eighth Five Year Plan fixed a target of 134.13 lakh tonnes of production of sugar in the country for the 1994-95 sugar season.

मध्य प्रदेश में चीनी कारखानों की स्थापना करना

7170. श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश स्थित रायगढ़ जिले के करमकेला विकास खण्ड और उसके आस-पास के क्षेत्रों में गन्ना उत्पादकों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, करमकेला में कोई चीनी का कारखाना स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसमें अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और यह कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा तथा इस पर कितनी लागत आएगी ; और

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के अन्य क्षेत्रों में चीनी के नए कारखाने स्थापित करने की कोई योजना है ; यदि हा, तो उनके स्थान तथा लागत का व्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले में करमकेला में एक नई चीनी फैक्ट्री की स्थापना के लिए औद्योगिक विकास विभाग के माध्यम से कोई आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) चीनी वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान 31-3-1994 तक मध्य प्रदेश में नई चीनी फैक्ट्रियों की स्थापना के लिए दो आग्रह-पत्र प्रदान किए गए हैं जिनका विवरण नीचे दिया गया है :—

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1. बेतुल, जिला बेतुल	25.00 करोड़ रुपये
2. सालावाड, तहसील बरवाहा, जिला खरगोन	30.00 करोड़ रुपये