

किया गया है कि वे जमाखोरों, कालाबाजारियों और अनुचित व्यापार तरीकों से काम करने वालों के विरुद्ध सख्त कार्रवाई करें।

Procurement of Levy Rice

4091. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the massive procurement of levy rice has contributed substantially to the huge food subsidy bill for the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, what are the details of facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the levy prices for the year 1993-94 of superfine varieties have been fixed at Rs. 620.90 per quintal in Punjab and Rs. 616.00 per quintal in Haryana whereas the open market prices have often dipped way below this in the course of the year; and

(d) if so, what are the details of rice and wheat procured by Food Corporation of India during the year 1993-94 (State-wise) and what will be its target for the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The food subsidy borne by the Government during 1993-94 (RE) is Rs. 5537 crores with consumer subsidy on rice at Rs. 179.30 per quintal as compared to Rs. 2785 crores with consumer subsidy on rice at Rs. 142.87 per quintal for the previous year 1992-93.

(c) Procurement prices of common, fine and superfine varieties of levy rice for the marketing season 1993-94 in respect of Punjab and Haryana are as under :—

(Rs. per quintal)

	Common	Fine	Superfine
Punjab .	533.40	582.90	620.90
Haryana .	529.20	578.25	616.00

Open market prices are dependant on the relative position of overall supply and demand of foodgrains in the market.

(d) The procurement of wheat and paddy for Central Pool under price support scheme being totally voluntary, and the procurement of levy rice from millers/traders being dependant on quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of wheat and rice.

A Statement showing quantities of rice and wheat procured for Central Pool during 1993-94 marketing season is attached.

Statement

Quantities of Rice and Wheat procured by Food Corporation of India and State Procuring Agencies for Central Pool during 1993-94 Marketing Season

Sr. No.	States	Procurement	
		1993-94 Marketing season	
		Rice (including paddy in terms of rice)	Wheat
1	Andhra Pradesh	29.00	—
2	Assam . .	0.04	—
3	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
4	Bihar . .	0.03	—
5	Haryana . .	12.42	34.54
6	Himachal Pradesh	—	0.01
7	Karnataka .	1.32	—
8	Kerala . .	—	—
9	Madhya Pradesh	7.71	2.42
10	Maharashtra .	0.75	—
11	Orissa . .	3.17	—
12	Punjab . .	54.52	64.94
13	Rajasthan .	0.21	4.96
14	Uttar Pradesh .	12.96	21.28
15	West Bengal .	1.33	—
16	Chandigarh .	0.25	Neg.
17	Delhi . .	0.05	0.20
18	Pondicherry .	0.02	—
TOTAL :		123.78	128.35

Neg. : Below 500 tonnes.

Rice : Figures as on 18-4-1994.

Wheat : For whole marketing season 1993-94.

Fraudulent transaction in the Import of Sugar

4092. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newswitem which appeared in the 'Observer' of 21st March, 1994 that opening up of the Indian Sugar Market for imports has led to the emergence of a grey market with many fraudulent international operators;

(b) If so, what are the details in this regard;