

(क) और (ख) खुले बाजार में गेहूँ और चावल की कीमतों को उपयुक्त स्तर पर बनाए रखने के उद्देश्य से भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने केन्द्रीय पूल से गेहूँ और चावल की खुले बाजार में बिक्री करने का कार्य शुरू किया है। इसका इन वस्तुओं की खुले बाजार में कीमतों पर संतुलित प्रभाव पड़ा है। तागारिक प्रति, उपभोक्ता, मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय के उद्घाटन शक्ति अन्तर-मंत्रालयीय समिति 12 मुनिदा आवश्यक वस्तुओं की कीमतों, उपलब्धता, कर्मा, आदि, यदि कोई होती है, की नियमित आधार पर समीक्षा करती है। राज्य सरकारों से अनुरोध

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

(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

Sl 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 newsitem 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 ;