

(d) The Government of Maharashtra has reported that with the progress of the implementation of the rehabilitation packages, the number of suicides by farmers have declined. Government has also implemented the "Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme" for farmers for mitigation of distress due to indebtedness.

Diversion of foodgrains meant for flood relief

†*109. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI:

SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instead of distributing among beneficiaries, thousands of quintals of rice and wheat made available as a nutritional food and flood relief measure by Central Government, for the years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05, was sold in black market in Khutauna and Laukahi blocks of Madhubani district in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) As reported by State Govt. of Bihar, based on a preliminary inquiry, departmental action has been initiated against two officers. Further details are awaited from the State Government.

Reduction in production capacity of fact

†*110. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production capacity of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited has gone down in the current year since the year 2004;

(b) the amount of fall in production capacity;

(c) whether reservations thereto have been expressed by the Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) The Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT) has two units located at Udyogmandal and Cochin, Kerala. The installed capacity and production of products is as follows:-

	Installed capacity (MT)	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
		Production / in Tonnes			
Factamfos 20:20	633500	560788	745902	721202	425530
Ammonium Sulphate	225000	200564	172986	183490	30478
Caprolactam	50000	44932	38666	41327	6759
Urea	330000	--	--	--	--

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.