

Introduction of Super Fast Express Trains

36. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUM-BI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Superfast[Express-trains which were introduced since the present Government took over charge; and

(b) the details thereof in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) One pair.

(b) 2403;2404 Kanpur- Varanaci Shramik Express w.e.f. 3-12-90.

Price of Onion

37. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Onions Rs. 16 per Kg. " which appeared in the Independent, dated the 8th January 1991; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to save the poor in Bombay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) The sharp increase in the retail Prices of Onion at Bombay upto Rs. 16 per Kg. was only temporary and was because of a transport strike which prevented the timely movement of the stocks to the City. According to the latest information available (i.e. upto 8th February, 1991), retail prices of Onion are ruling at Rs. 4-6 per kg. at Bombay.

Storage of Essential Commodities in various Depots in North-East

38. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of depots in the North-East and their localities where essential commodities to meet the needs of people have been stocked in view of the uncertain situation in the wake of the Gulf War;

(b) the- present quantity in these depots item-wise and the period for which the stock has been built; and

(c) the names of the States that have informed about their monthly requirements?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) As part of the public distribution process, rice and sugar and as n 15-2-91 for stocked at various depots in the North-East. A depot-wise and item-wise statement as on 1.2.91 for wheat, rice and sugar and as on 15.2.91 for edible oils is enclosed.

As on 1.2.91, the quantity of wheat and rice available in the region was at a level of more than 1 1/2 months requirement.

The States of Arunachal Pradesh Tripura, Assam, Nagaland and Megha-laya have sent their demands for PDS rice and wheat for February; March, 1991. In case of sugar, allotments are made on the basis of per capita scale. In case of edible oil, States of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura have intimated their requirements of imported edible oil for the year 1990-91.

Statement

Issuable stock position (Depotwise) as on 31-1-1991 (NEF States)

(Figs, in MT/Provisional)

Closing Balance			
Name of Centre _____			
Wheat	Rice	Sugar	
<i>Meghalaya</i>			
Shillong	50	947	33
Jowat		948	154
Tura	185	2532	132
William Nagar		1962	228
Guwahati	20	3637	1
TOTAL :	255	10026	548
<i>Nagaland</i>			
Dimapur	100	269	100
<i>Manipur</i>			
Imphal (Sangai Pror)	87	388	65
Koirenge		135	
Ukhrul		542	
TOTAL :	87	1065	65
<i>Mizoram</i>			
Kolasib	Nil	2506	Nil
Mehrarapur		772	
TOTAL :		3278	
<i>Tripura</i>			
Dharamnagar	730	89	645
Churaibari		27	
Arundhuti Nagar	704	632	209
NewBadarghat	632	46	
Hanger	521	879	
Jute Mill Godown	Nil	642	
CWC	1206	5342	786
TOTAL :	3793	7657	1640

Name of Centre	Wheat	Rice	Sugar Import	Levy
<i>Assam</i>				
<i>Ouwahati District</i>				
New Guwahati	352	8557	105	578
City Depot	183	11733	29	
Bindukuri	59	8213	9	1946
Taagla	19	8095		383
Nalbari	179	1515		
Tihu	857	2889		1304
Barpeta Road				877
	Total :			
	3	979		877
	1552	41972	143	5088
<i>North Lakhitnpur</i>				
North Lakhimpur	61	3314	178	72
Narayanpur		3674		
Dhemaji		2502		
	TOTAL :			
	61	9490	178	72
<i>Jorhat Dtstrict</i>				
Dergaon	47	1490		
Cinnamara . . .	568	7867	20	497- 0
Sibsagar	2	2220		110
Golaghat	441	1463		51 0
	TOTAL			
	1058	13049	20	549.0
<i>Dibmgarh Dtstrct</i>				
Dibrugarh	2530	4050		
Tinsukia	1243'	1872	2	1-3
Dikem	1025	2697		
Laipuli	3671	2988		
Chaulkhowa	2478	5769		86-3
Maokatta	1921	1666		0 5
	TOTAL:			
	12868	19042	2	88 1

Name of Centre	Wheat	Rice	Sugar Import	Levy
<i>Bandardjwa District</i>				
Bandardewa (Arunachal Pradesh)	182	4118	18	32
TOTAL :	182	4118	18	32
<i>Bongatgaon District</i>				
Bongaigon		2766	1-8	727-2
Coafpara	13	122		26-4
Jogighopa	95	956		308 0
TOTAL :	108	3844	1-8	1061.6
<i>Sikhar District</i>				
Ramnagar	1748	5236	26	1470
Karimganj		29		
Badarpur	62	44		234
Hailakandi		77		
Haflong		344		7
TOTAL :	1810	5730	26	1711
<i>Kokrajhar District</i>				
Kokrajhar'		928	42	1980 4
Gossaigaon	1126	2483		727-8
Fakiragram .	6	201		
Gouripur		868		310
Dhubri	113	90		79-7
TOTAL :	1245	4570	42	2818-9
<i>Nagaon District</i>				
Diphu	1	1225		
Itachali	1	4020		
Senchowa	176	507	47	78
Hojai	1913	7967	6	20
TOTAL	2091	13719	53	98
GRAND TOAPL :	20975	115534	483-8	11518-6

Stock availability of edible oil in the Depots of North Eastern States as on 15-2-1991

Depots	Quantity (in MTS)
<i>Dimapur</i> (1) Kher Mahal (CWC) road (Private) J	
(2) Vikas Trading Army Supply R<	230
<i>Guwahati</i>	
(1) Maidan Gaon (2) Panjabari (3) Pankhetis State Warehousing Corporation (Private)	140
<i>Silchar</i>	
(1) Malugram (State Warehousing Corporation)	130

Procurement prices of sugarcane and Mushroom

39. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND
RAKANTA BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement prices of sugarcane and mushroom have been raised in January this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any fresh norms and guidelines have been laid down for fixation of the procurement prices of various agricultural products from time to time, in the light of the recent recommendation of the High-powered Committee on Agricultural policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) The Statutory Minimum Price for Sugarcane for 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons announced in November, 1990 have not been revised.

Mushroom is not covered by the Government's price policy for agricultural commodities under which procurement/minimum support prices are announced. However, in 1991, the Government have decided to undertake market intervention operations to procure a specified quantity of mushroom at a price of Rs. 22 per kg. in Haryana on terms and conditions agreed to with the Government of Haryana.

(c) The recommendations of the High Powered Committee on Agriculture Policy and Programmes are being examined.

Rise in prices of fertilizers

40. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's fertilizer industry has been critically affected due to escalation of the Gulf War;

(b) whether the prices of Naptha and raw material for Nitrogenous fertilizers and of finished fertilizers are going up due to increase in crude prices in the internal markets;

(c) whether Government propose to import Naphtha fertilizers to meet