

### Introduction of Super Fast Express Trains

36. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

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- Varanasi 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 VIRCHANDBHAT 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 on 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 1½ months requirement.

The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Assam, Nagaland and Meghalaya 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 (Dépotwtse) as on 31-1-1991 (NEF States)*

(Figs. in MT/Provisional)

Name of Centre	Closing Balance		
	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>Mtzoram</i>			
Kolasib . . . . .	Nil	2506	Nil
Mehrarapur . . . . .		772	
TOTAL :		3278	
<i>Tripura</i>			
Dharamnagar . . . . .	730	89	645
Churaibari . . . . .	..	27	..
Arundhuti Nagar . . . . .	704	632	209
New Badarghat . . . . .	632	46	..
Hanger . . . . .	521	879	..
Jute Mill Godown . . . . .	Nil	642	..
CWC . . . . .	1206	5342	786
TOTAL :	3793	7657	1 640

Name of Centre	Wheat	Rice	Sugar Import	Levy
<i>Assam</i>				
<i>Guwahati District</i>				
New Guwahati . . . . .	352	8557	105	578
City Depot . . . . .	183	11733	29	..
Bindukuri . . . . .	59	8213	9	1946
Tangla . . . . .	19	8095	..	383
Nalbari . . . . .	179	1515	..	..
Tihu . . . . .	857	2889	..	1304
Barpeta Road . . . . .	3	979	..	877
TOTAL :	1552	41972	143	5088
<i>North Lakhimpur</i>				
North Lakhimpur . . . . .	61	3314	178	72
Narayanpur . . . . .	..	3674	..	..
Dhemaji . . . . .	..	2502	..	..
TOTAL :	61	9490	178	72
<i>Jorhat District</i>				
Dergaon . . . . .	47	1490	..	..
Cinnamara . . . . .	568	7867	20	497·0
Sibsagar . . . . .	2	2220	..	11·0
Golaghat . . . . .	441	1463	..	51·0
TOTAL :	1058	13049	20	549·0
<i>Dibrugarh District</i>				
Dibrugarh . . . . .	2530	4050	..	..
Tinsukia . . . . .	1243	1872	2	1·3
Dikem . . . . .	1025	2697	..	..
Laipuli . . . . .	3671	2988	..	..
Chaulkhowa . . . . .	2478	5769	..	86·3
Mankatta . . . . .	1921	1666	..	0·5
TOTAL :	12868	19042	2	88·1

## Name of Centre

## Wheat

## Rice

Sugar  
Import

## Levy

*Bandarjwa District*

Bandardewa (Arunachal Pradesh)	182	4118	18	32
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TOTAL :	182	4118	18	32
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*Bongatgaon District*

Bongaigon	..	2766	1.8	727.2
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Coafpara	13	122	..	26.4
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Jogighopa	95	956	..	308.0
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TOTAL :	108	3844	1.8	1061.6
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*Silchar District*

Ramnagar	1748	5236	26	1470
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Karimganj	..	29	..	..
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Badarpur	62	44	..	234
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Hailakandi	..	77	..	..
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Hailong	..	344	..	7
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TOTAL :	1810	5730	26	1711
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*Kokrajhar District*

Kokrajhar	..	928	42	1980.4
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Gossaigaon	1126	2483	..	727.8
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Fakiragram	6	201	..	..
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Gouripur	..	868	..	31.0
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Dhubri	113	90	..	79.7
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TOTAL :	1245	4570	42	2818.9
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*Nagaon District*

Diphu	1	1225	..	..
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Itachali	1	4020	..	..
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Senchowwa	176	507	47	78
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Hojai	1913	7967	6	20
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TOTAL :	2091	13719	53	98
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GRAND TOTAL :	20975	115534	483.8	11518.6
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*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)	230
(2) Vikas Trading Army Supply Road (Private)	
<i>Guwahati</i>	
(1) Maidan Gaon	140
(2) Panjabari	
(3) Panikhetia	
<i>Silchar</i>	
(1) Malugram	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