

Increase in the issue prices of commodities being sold through Fair Price Shops

138. SHRI N E BALARAM. Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government propose to increase the issue prices of food items being supplied through Fair Price Shops and public distribution system and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN). (a) and (b) The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godowns) of rice and wheat are revised from time to time consequent to increase in the support prices of paddy and wheat. The prevailing Central issue price of wheat is Rs 234 per quintal effective from 1st May, 1990 and in case of rice, it is Rs 289, Rs 349 and Rs 370 per quintal for common, fine and superfine varieties respectively effective from 25th June, 1990

The retail issue price of sugar supplied under public distribution system was last increased from Rs 5 10 to Rs 5 25 per kg. w.e.f 1-1-1989

F.P.S./P.D.S outlets in rural-urban areas of the country

139 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA. Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) the total number of Fair Price Shops, as well as Public Distribution outlets, State-wise with rural-urban break-up at the end of the year 1989,

(b) the number of such shops or outlets added or discontinued during the Year 1990, and

(c) what is the ratio of Fair Price Shops/Public Distribution outlets to the population covered separately for rural and urban areas in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN). (a) A statement showing the number of Fair Price Shops (FPS), State-wise, with urban and rural break up, as on 31-12-1989 is given on the Statement enclosed (See below)

(a) As per reports received from the State Governments/UT Administrations so far 4340 FPSs were added in 1990

(c) The ratio of population to the FPS separately for rural and urban areas State-wise, is not available. The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

Statement

Statement showing the number of FPS/PDS outlets as on 31-12-1989

Name of State/U.T.	No of FPS/PDS outlets as on 31-12-89		
	Rural	Urban	Total
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	28729	6758	35487
Arunachal Pradesh	480	67	547
Assam	21545	2630	24175