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Statement shows month-wise percentage increase in wholesale prices of edible oils and vanaspathi.

	Groundnut oil	Mustard oil	Sesame oil	Cottonseed oil	Soyabean oil	Vanaspathi in 15 kg.
	Bombay	Kanpur	Bombay	Bombay	Delli	Delli (Lcw)
Dec., 89.	2.3	- 3.8	- 2.5	- 8.3	- 7.1	- 7.8
Jan., 90	7.8	Nil	- 27.6	8.5	5.3	7.3
Feb., 90	4.7	- 2.8	8.2	6.3	5.0	4.9
March, 90	8.2	5.8	1.9	Nil	4.8	3.9
April, 90	- 5.0	10.5	3.7	7.4	1.0	5.2
May, 90	5.3	- 0.2	- 13.6	5.0	7.0	1.9
June, 90	6.2	3.7	- 0.8	10.9	14.5	7.0
July 90	8.8	15.5	10.8	13.7	13.1	8.0
Aug., 90	0.6	3.1	- 7.5	- 3.4	- 3.2	- 3.0
Sept., 90	1.9	1.0	2.8	- 3.0	11.9	10.0
Oct., 90	- 4.4	3.0	- 1.2	1.9	- 13.3	- 1.9
Nov., 90	4.3	4.6	8.0	- 4.7	0.4	- 4.8

## National Tourism Policy

—260. SHRI MURLI DHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of State for TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Travel Congress which met in New Delhi on September 17, 1990 has urged Government to enunciate a national tourism policy; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken to evolve and enunciate a national policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI MATI VENA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government policies relating to tourism matters have been

announced from time to time. These are constantly being reviewed and fresh policies decided with a view to ensuring a planned development of tourism industry in the country.

## Foodgrain production

261. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current year represents bright prospects of farm yield in view of timely and adequate rains; and

(b) if so, how the estimated foodgrains and other agricultural yield separately for Rabi and Kharif Crops this year compare with the corresponding figures for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The final estimates of Kharif Crops for 1990-91 have not yet become due and the sowing of Rabi Crops has just been completed. It is too

early to make any assessment for the production of Kharif and Rabi Crops for the year 1990-91

However, as per preliminary assessment, the production of Kharif food-grains, Kharif oilseeds, sugarcane, cotton and jute & mesta during 1990-91 alongwith the required data for the previous two years is annexed as Statement.

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*Production of Kharif Rabi Crops during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (Anticipated)*  
(Million/tonnes/Bales)

Crop	Season	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91 (Anticipated)
Foodgrains	Kharif	95.64	100.94	101.0 to 102.0
	Rabi	74.28	69.68	*
	Totals	169.92	170.63	*
Oilseeds	Kharif	10.53	9.55	7.9 to 8.2
	Rabi	7.50	7.20	*
	Totals	18.03	16.75	*
Sugarcane		203.04	222.63	220.0 to 224.0
Cotton@.		8.74	11.41	10.6
Jute & Mesta@@		7.86	8.35	9.0

@Million bales of 170 kgs each

@@Million bales of 180 kgs each

\* - Sowings of rabi crops just completed.

#### Distress Sale of Paddy

202. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the recent reports of distress sale of paddy by farmers in Punjab and other States while millers had been pressing for review and reduction in procurement prices; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken by government to ensure that the farmers were not forced to resort to distress sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND

CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No reports about distress sale of paddy of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) and conforming to the Government of India specifications have been received either from Punjab or from other States/ Union Territories except from Orissa which on investigation was found to be largely relating to paddy of below specification quality. The rice millers in Punjab had demanded substantial increase in the procurement price of levy-rice for 1990-91 kharif marketing season and were not satisfied with the procurement price for levy-rice fixed by Government. The millers did not, therefore, undertake purchase of paddy in Punjab mandies to the extent they normally do and as a result, Food