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Statement showing month-wise percentage increase in wholesale prices of edible oils and vanaspati.

	Groundnut oil	Mustard oil	Sesame oil	Cottonseed oil	Soyabean oil	Vanaspati in 15 kg.
	Bombay	Kanpur	Bombay	Bombay	Delhi	Delhi (Ltw)
Dec., 89	2.3	-3.8	-2.5	- 8.3	- 7.1	-7.8
Jan., 90	7.8	Nil	-27.6	8.5	3.3	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 CHAND-
RAKANT 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 such a national policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA 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 CHAND-
RAKANT 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 Cropff for the year 1990-91

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

Statement

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	94.64	100.94	101.0 to 102.0
	Rabi	74.28	69.69	*
	Totals	168.92	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

* Sowing of rabi crops just completed.

Distress Sale of Paddy

281 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 Mi* 0\$ paddy by farmers in Punjab jW«l other States while millets, ha* be^o. greasing for-review and reduction nr procurement prices; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND

CIVIL SUPPLIES (SURI 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 » ttoc- 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, flie millers did not, therefore, undertake purchase of paddy in Punjab mandjeg to the extent they normally do and as a result, Food