

- (vi) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi.
- (vii) National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Kolkata.
- (viii) Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR), Dibrugarh.
- (ix) Kings Institute of Preventive Medicines, Chennai.
- (x) Institute of Preventive Medicine, Hyderabad.
- (xi) B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad.
- (xii) State. Virology Institute, Alappuzha, Kerala.

**Cut in wheat allocation to Orissa**

\*353.SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have reduced the allocation of wheat for APL consumers under TPDS to Orissa where the demand for wheat is high due to increase of price in the open market;

(b) if so, whether Government would provide an *ad hoc* additional allocation of wheat to the State;

(c) if so, the quantity that would be provided in future to meet the urgent requirement of the State; and

(d) how much time would be required for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRISHARAD PAWAR): (a) Keeping in view the reduced stock of wheat in the Central Pool, the allocation of wheat for Above Poverty Line (APL) category has been rationalized for all States/UTs, including the State of Orissa, on the basis of each State's average offtake for the last 3 years or the last year's offtake, whichever was lower. A 25% cut on this has been imposed in respect of rice-consuming States and Delhi for APL category. However, there has been no change in the overall APL entitlements and the State Governments/UTs can ask for allocation of rice in lieu of reduction of wheat allocation under APL.

(b) to (d) In the wake of improved stock position, the Central Government has made an *ad hoc* additional allocation of 17,000 Tonnes of APL wheat to Orissa in four instalments for the months of September, October,

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November and December, 2006. The *ad hoc* additional allocation is proposed to be continued till March, 2007.

### **Subsidies for wheat production**

\*354. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to offer liberal subsidies to the farmers in the country to substantially increase production of wheat during the ensuing rabi season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRISHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India has drawn up a special three-year plan for increasing the production and productivity of wheat in 138 identified districts. Under the plan, provision has been made to provide assistance for seed distribution, demonstration, micro-nutrients, improved farm implements and subsidy for diesel. The proposal is under consideration. However, 48,000 quintal of quality seeds of improved variety of wheat has been allocated to different wheat producing States to conduct field demonstrations, out of which 43,750 quintal seed has been supplied to the States.

### **Share of SSI in export**

†\*355. SHRI JAI PRAKASHAGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the share of small scale industries in export in comparison to the organized sector as on date;

(b) the details of contribution of small scale industries in creating employment opportunities and property in the country;

(c) whether any long term policy has been formulated for the development of small scale industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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† Onginai notice of the question was received in Hindi.