

Buffer stock of foodgrains

184. SHRI SUBHASH PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the buffer stock of foodgrains with FCI and other stocking bodies;
- (b) whether a ban was imposed on their export;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to lift the ban on exports;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the measures to check possible price rise of such essential commodity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The stock of wheat and rice in the Central Pool held by Food Corporation of India and State agencies reported by FCI, as on 1.6.2009 was 331.22 lakh tonnes and 204.03 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There is ban on wheat exports since February, 2007 whereas export of non-basmati rice was banned with effect from 1.4.2008.

(d) to (f) Decision regarding lifting of ban on export of wheat and non-basmati rice would be taken by Government only after reviewing the production, procurement, Central Pool stocks and the likely impact on the open market prices.

Establishment of AIIMS in Chhattisgarh

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target of establishing 'AIIMS' in Chhattisgarh and to what extent targets has been achieved;
- (b) whether it is being delayed; if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether State Government has given required co-operation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government approved the proposal for setting up of AIIMS-like institution in Chhattisgarh along with 5 such institutions in other States on 16.3.2006 with the time frame for completion of the project in three years from the start of construction. Design-DPR Consultant appointed for preparation of Designs and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for AIIMS, Raipur (Chhattisgarh), in

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