

Increase in consumption of fertilizers

254. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
increase consumption of fertilizers
at least 29 Kg. per hectare in selec-
ted areas and if so, the details there-
of;

(b) the manner in which the same is
proposed to be achieved.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-
TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
YAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b)
Sir, But it is proposed to increase
fertiliser use by 20 Kgs. of nutrients
per hectare in the selected districts.
This will be achieved by opening
up retail outlets in the interior
areas, pre-positioning of fertilisers in
consumption areas and introduc-
ing small packs (10-20 Kgs. Packets).
Also the Fertiliser Companies in
both public and private sectors shall
provide 7.5 per cent discount over
subsidised prices for the Kharif and
Rabi Seasons of 1988-89.

255. [Transferred to the 23rd March,
1988].

Import of Palm oil

256. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the
Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLY
be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price at which Govern-
ment purchase palm oil from abroad;

(b) the price at which the same is distri-
buted to States; and

(c) what is the retail price at which it
reaches the consumers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUP-
PLY (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The
subsidised CIF price of RBD Palm Oil pur-
chased by the State Trading Corporation is

Rs. 5125 per MT for the period April '87
to Jan. '88. In addition, there are other
charges, such as customs duty, storage, han-
dling etc.

(b) The central issue price for supply to
States is as under:—

	Rs. per MT
In bulk	11,000
15Kg. tins	12,500

(c) The retail prices are fixed by the
State Governments. The ceiling on retail
prices has been fixed by the Central Govern-
ment, which are as under:—

(i) Rs. 13.05 per Kg. for plain areas
for imported edible oils supplied in bulk.

(ii) Rs. 14.40 per Kg. for plain areas
for imported edible oils supplied in tins.

(iii) Rs. 14.90 per Kg. for hill areas
for imported edible oils supplied in tins.
(Local Taxes Extra)

**Inclusion of the name of 'Parvati Khan' in
a Serial**

3257. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan
Authorities had conveyed an objection to
the producer of a serial to the inclusion of
the name of 'Parvati Khan' in the cast of
that serial;

(b) if so, what was the nature of the ob-
jection and whether the manner of showing
the artist's name had to be changed in order
to meet the objection;

(c) whether this incident has been con-
demned by several writers and prominent
social workers and whether their objections
have been sent to the Prime Minister and
what was the response of Government
thereto; and

(d) what action Government propose to
take against such irresponsible orders of the
officials of the Doordarshan?