

(c) whether such conversion of cultivable land into non-cultivation purposes is leading to shortfall of agriculture production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof comparing to the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India does not maintain data in respect of cultivable land that has been converted for Special Economic Zones in various States.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. As per available data, the food grain production has increased from 198.36 million tonnes in 2004-05 to 234.47 million tonnes in 2008-09.

#### **Benefits of price rise to farmers**

2291. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefits of the increasing agro based commodities are not reaching the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the price of sugar in the open market and price paid for procurement of sugarcane in the country including Maharashtra during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that the benefits of price rise reaches the farmers and to contain the role of middlemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) and (b) Prices of agro based commodities depend on the demand supply conditions at the time of marketing of these commodities. Further they depend on the value addition made at different stages of processing in case of processed commodities. The prices received by farmers for the produce depend on the marketing channels followed, trend in market arrivals etc.

Wholesale Price of sugar in the open market in the last two years is given in Statement-I (See below).

The price paid for procurement of sugarcane for the last two years State-wise in the country, including Maharashtra is given in Statement-II (See below).

(c) Agricultural markets are regulated and managed under the Agricultural Produce Market Act enacted by the respective State Governments. The Central Government provides guidance and assistance in the regulation and development of Agricultural Produce Markets. By the end of March, 2009, 7,153 markets have been brought under the ambit of regulation. In the perspective of agricultural marketing reforms and the Model Act, a final draft of the Model APMC Rules, 2007, has been framed and circulated to all the State Governments and UT Administrations for guidance.

The Government also announces Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 26 crops to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.

**Statement I**

**A. Wholesale prices of sugarcane in selected markets (Rs. per quintal)  
(April, 2008 to March, 2009)**

Variety	State	Market	Apr., 08	May, 08	June, 08	July, 08	Aug, 08	Sep., 08	Oct., 08	Nov., 08	Dec., 08	Jan., 09	Feb., 09	Mar., 09
S 30	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	1460	1450	1500	1620	1890	1740	1760	1800	1950	2050	2170	2100
M 30	Bihar	Patna	1650	1650	1610	1650	1850	1825	1895	1625	1850	1890	2020	2100
—	Haryana	Ambala City	1650	1630	1575	1800	1950	1950	1925	1940	2000	2250	2350	2250
—	Maharashtra	Mumbai	1568	1511	1514	1600	1932	1932	1932	1863	1850	1996	2235	2150
M 30	Meghalaya	Shillong	1710	1700	1700	1700	2100	2050	2050	2070	2100	2200	2400	2350
—	Mizoram	Aizawl	1860	1880	1880	1960	2200	NR	2240	2200	2300	2400	2500	2400
M 30	NCT of Delhi	Delhi	1700	1660	1640	1730	1880	1925	1950	1920	1950	1950	2050	2100
S 30	NCT of Delhi	Delhi	1650	1600	1600	1680	1800	1825	1825	1825	1825	1850	1950	2000
Medium	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	1670	NA	1670	1800	2070	1900	1960	2000	2070	2150	2330	2250
—	Rajasthan	Jaipur	1580	1600	1560	1730	1930	1900	1900	1940	2020	2250	2325	2260
FP	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	NR	1350	NR	NR	1850	1350	1350
OP	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	1510	1510	1500	1671	2003	NR	1894	NR	NR	1894	2122	2122
M 30	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	1615	NR	1640	1625	1825	1870	1800	1850	1855	1950	2235	2170

*B. Wholesale prices of sugar in selected markets (Rs. per quintal)*  
(April, 2009 to March, 2010)

Variety	State	Market	Apr., 09	May, 09	June, 09	July, 09	Aug., 09	Sep., 09	Oct., 09	Nov., 09	Dec., 09	Jan., 10	Feb., 10	Mar., 10
S30	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	2280	2300	2400	2450	2900	2980	3100	3350	3390	3820	3380	3050
M 30	Bihar	Patna	2560	2575	2650	2625	2860	2910	2860	3210	3300	4300	3900	3400
—	Haryana	Ambala City	2600	2525	2500	2650	3150	3000	3300	3520	3400	4050	3700	3400
—	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	NR	2400	2500	2500	3000	3300	3200	3550	3500	4000	3700	3400
—	Maharashtra	Mumbai	2406	2380	2501	2493	3032	3077	3220	3600	3447	3937	3499	3195
M 30	Meghalaya	Shillong	2550	2570	2650	2650	3100	3100	3200	3350	3470	4200	3750	3500
—	Mizoram	Aizawl	2800	2760	2800	2850	3200	3260	3260	3600	3600	4400	4400	4100
M 30	NCT of Delhi	Delhi	2200	2200	2200	2300	2900	3100	3100	3650	3600	4100	3800	3450
S 30	NCT of Delhi	Delhi	2100	2100	2100	2200	2800	3000	3000	3550	3550	3900	3700	3350
Medium	Orissa	Bhubaneswar	2580	2580	2600	2650	3250	3300	3360	3560	3550	4080	3650	3400
—	Rajasthan	Jaipur	2500	2500	2600	2850	3120	3100	3350	3600	3700	4100	3675	3300
FP	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350	1350
OP	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	2150	2220	2432	2520	3003	2899	2900	2900	2900	3985	3580	3419
M 30	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	2550	2550	2600	2600	3010	3050	3100	3320	3370	4400	4250	3500
Medium	West Bengal	Kolkata	NR	2475	NR	NR	2990	3050	3290	3518	3630	3950	3515	3110

NR: Not Reporting.

**Statement-II**

*Statement on the price paid by the sugar mills in different  
States of the Country*

(In Rs. per quintal)

State	2007-08(P) Price paid @@@	2008-09(P) Price paid
Uttar Pradesh	81.18 to 123.00	137.50 to 145.00
Uttaranchal	110.00 to 132.00	143.00 to 148.00
Bihar	87.50 to 96.00	81.18 to 120.00
Punjab	126.00 to 132.00	155.00 to 165.00
Haryana	126.00 to 138.00	160.00 to 170.00
Assam	—	—
West Bengal	—	119.00
Orissa*	90.00 to 91.98	90.00 to 91.98
Madhya Pradesh	93.72 to 108.14	81.18 to 118.00
Rajasthan		139.70 to 153.20
Maharashtra*	81.18 to 118.98	81.18 to 123.48
Gujarat*	44.50 to 106.38	86.58 to 108.89
Andhra Pradesh	81.18 to 104.58	115.00 to 150.00
Tamil Nadu	102.60 to 119.60	110.00 to 127.00
Karnataka*	81.18 to 109.08	81.18 to 113.58
Kerala	—	—
Pondicherry	113.00	120.70
Nagaland	—	—
Goa	70.00 to 80.00	105.00 to 135.00
Chhattisgarh	NA	NA

(P) Provisional (N.A.) Not available

((@ @ @)) Based on return of 190 sugar mills received for the fortnight ending (F.E.) 31.01.2008.

(\*) In respect of the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Orissa, the final cane price is decided after the close of sugar season. In the case of Maharashtra, the average harvesting and transportation charges @ Rs. 25/- per quintal are paid in addition to the price paid indicated above.