

them. Further, Government of Orissa has also informed that there has been no report of distress sale of paddy in the State.

(d) Government of Orissa is undertaking procurement of rice under the Decentralised Procurement Scheme (DCP). As such the responsibility of procurement of paddy under the scheme rest with the State Government. However, FCI also plays a supplementary role in procurement.

(e) No, Sir. In view of reply given at (c) above.

Import of sugar

3893. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of sugar imported during 2008-09;
- (b) the name of the countries from where sugar was imported during the financial year; and
- (c) the quantity of imported sugar distributed among the States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The Central Government did not import sugar on its account during financial year 2008-09. As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) Kolkata, 386099 tons of sugar was imported during the financial year 2008-09. Out of this, the bulk of the quantity amounting to 385689 tons (99.9%) was imported from Brazil. The rest were imported from 24 countries in small quantities.

(c) As the Central Government did not import sugar on its account, the question of distribution of imported sugar among the States does not arise.

Distribution of subsidized pulses and edible oil

3894. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has extended a scheme for supply of imported pulses to State Governments at subsidized rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the States in which pulses has been supplied under the said scheme;
- (c) whether Government proposes to extend a similar scheme for distribution of subsidized edible oil in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the quantity of pulses and edible oil so far supplied to various States under these schemes during 2008-09 and 2009-10?