

केन्द्रीय सरकार उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से देने के लिये विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों के बीच इन वस्तुओं के समान वितरण की व्यवस्था करती है। यह कहना सही नहीं है कि वस्तु नियमित रूप से सप्लाई नहीं की जा रही हैं, यद्यपि इतने बड़े पैमाने की व्यवस्था में अस्थायी और स्थानीय कमियों के होने से इंकार नहीं किया जा सकता है।

केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा बाढ़ तथा सूखे से प्रभावित राज्यों को राहत देने के लिये कई उपाय किये गये हैं। इसमें इन राज्यों को खाद्यान्नों की अतिरिक्त मात्रा आबंटित करना शामिल है। जहां तक नई उचित दर की दुकानें खोलने तथा उनके माध्यम से वस्तुओं की दी जाने वाली मात्रा का संबंध है, ये कार्य संबंधित राज्यों के प्रशासनिक जिम्मेदारों के अन्तर्गत आते हैं, जो स्थानीय आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार कारवाई करते हैं। नये 20 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत, सभी राज्य सरकारों को, विशेषकर उन क्षेत्रों में जहां सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की सुविधा नहीं है अथवा कम है, नई दुकानें खोलने के लिये पहले ही सलाह दी जा चुकी है।

Supply of essential commodities in flood affected areas

637. SHRI JAGDISH JAIN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe scarcity of essential commodities in the flood affected districts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to expedite the supply of essential commodities to those area?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) and (b) According to Orissa Government, eight out of the

thirteen districts of Orissa have been affected by the recent floods. Special attention is being given by the State Government to these districts regarding supply of essential commodities. In order to meet the requirements of the flood-affected areas in the State, additional ten thousand tonnes of rice have been allocated from the Central Pool and the State Government is giving more weightage in the supply of rice under the public distribution system to the flood-affected areas. Apart from this, wholemeal atta is also being pumped to rural areas to alleviate the conditions. During the months of September and October, 1982 kerosene quota of Orissa has been increased to 15000 kilo litres for distribution to the rural areas without any quantitative restrictions. Adequate quantity of sugar is already supplied to the State.

Rise in the prices of essential commodities

638. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of the essential commodities have gone up during the last six months;

(b) if so, what are the commodity-wise details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to control the prices of essential commodities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) and (b) During the last six months ending September, 1982 the prices of a number of essential commodities have moved up. The index numbers of wholesale prices of selected commodities in March, 1982 and September, 1982 are indicated in a statement.

(c) Government is keeping a continuous watch on the price movement and availability of essential commodities and remedial measures are taken as and when necessary to