

Sale of products with duplicate ISI Marks

2679. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards have totally failed to check use of fake/duplicate ISI mark products in the country, particularly in the capital;

(b) if so, whether markets are flourished with products bearing duplicate ISI mark and the common man is being cheated; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof and further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) On receipt of specific complaints about fake/duplicate ISI-marked products, the Bureau of Indian Standards undertakes necessary investigations, including search and seizure operations, and launches prosecution, if legally feasible. In the year 1999-2000, 30 such complaints were received, 16 search and seizure operations organized, 20 legal proceedings launched and 6 parties convicted. In Delhi, two search and seizure operations were carried out during this period and further investigations in these cases are in progress.

Revision of sale price of Wheat

2680. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revise downward the open market sale price of wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 11.07.2000 Government authorised FCI to undertake Open Market Sale Scheme of wheat from Punjab at the following rates:

| Month | Rate per Qtl. |
|-----------------|---------------|
| July, 2000 | Rs. 700/- |
| August, 2000 | Rs. 750/- |
| September, 2000 | Rs. 800/- |

After reviewing the lifting position of wheat under the scheme for the month of July, 2000, the scheme has now been extended to all the Zones of the country and the FCI issue prices of open market sale of wheat have been fixed for the months of August and September, 2000 as under:

| Zone | Rate per Qtl. | Effective From |
|-------|---------------|----------------|
| North | Rs. 650/- | 9.8.2000 |
| South | Rs. 743/- | 11.8.2000 |
| West | Rs. 724/- | 11.8.2000 |
| East | Rs. 736/- | 11.8.2000 |

This was done with a view to liquidating surplus stocks which are adding to the carrying costs.