

Commodity	Recommendations made in the Report prior to raise in price of fertilizers and diesel oil	Recommendations made subsequent to the raise in the prices in the Supplementary Report
<i>Cotton</i>		
Kapas (FAQ) (J-34/414-F)	375	330
<i>Oilseeds</i>		
Groundnut-in-shell (FAQ)	270	273
Soyabean (Black) (FAQ)	210	213
Soyabean (Yellow) (FAQ)	230	234
Sunflower seed	250	253
Sugarcane	15.50	15.50
Tobacco	Rs. per Kg.	Rs. per Kg.
Light soil	8.50	8.50
Black soil	8.00	8.00

Minimum prices payable by sugar factories are linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent). These recommendations are under the consideration of the Government.

Production of vegetable oils from rice bran

278. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a massive untapped potential for production of vegetable oils from rice bran has been identified in the country;

(b) if so, what is the present annual production of vegetable oils from rice bran;

(c) what is the estimated potential for production of vegetable oils from this material, and

(d) what steps are being taken for optimum utilisation of this potential?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJ MOHAN MOHANTY):

(a) There is a considerable potential for production of rice bran oil in the

country, which still remains to be fully exploited.

(b) It is of the order of about one lakh tonnes per annum presently.

(c) The estimated potential for production of rice bran oil from rice bran could be about 3.75 lakh tonnes, on the basis of the present rice production of about 50 million tonnes and availability of bran at 5 per cent polish, with 15 per cent oil content in bran.

(d) These are as under:—

(i) For a greater production of rice bran of appropriate quality, the modernisation of rice mills has been made obligatory by the Government under the law, through amendment to the Rice Milling Industry (Regulation & Licensing) Rules, 1976.

(ii) A high level, Rice Bran Co-ordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Civil Supplies has been constituted for looking into the various aspects of increased production of

rice bran oil in general and edible grade rice bran oil in particular in the country. The various concerned Ministries/Departments, such as, Agriculture, Food, Finance, DGTD, etc. have been represented on the Committee.

(iii) Information is being collected on technology developed or available in other countries for production of edible grade rice bran oil and on the possibility of technological co-operation in this area with those countries.

(iv) Action is being taken towards a proper stabilisation of rice bran so as to enable greater production of edible quality rice bran oil.

(v) To encourage development of rice bran oil industry export of rice bran extraction is being allowed, as an incentive.

Production of Sugar

279. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-
DRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of sugar during the season 1980-81 (from October to May, 1981);

(b) how it compared with that during 1978-79 and 1979-80; and

(c) what was the average open market prices of sugar this year as compared to those during 1978-79 and 1979-80?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) and (b) The production of sugar during the period from October to May in the current sugar year 1980-81 has been of the order of 50.41 lakh tonnes as against 57 lakh tonnes and 38.06 lakh tonnes during the same

period in the sugar years 1978-79 and 1979-80 respectively.

(c) The month-end wholesale prices of freesale sugar in important markets for the sugar years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 (upto July) are shown in the statement. [See Appendix CXIX, Annexure No. 13.]

Irrigation Projects

280. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-
DRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Times of India dated July 10, 1981, to the effect that a shortfall in the supply of building materials has adversely affected a large number of irrigation projects all over the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the irrigation projects, State-wise, which have been adversely affected on this account; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure timely completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A review taken recently in June, 1981 regarding progress of irrigation projects has shown that the receipt particularly of cement fell considerably short of the requirements. However, the State Governments diverted the available cement to such items which contribute to achieving the potential in the immediate future. Hence, by and large, the physical and financial targets in irrigation sector were achieved during 1980-81.

Ministry of Irrigation at the Centre has taken up the matter with the concerned Central Departments/Ministries with a view to improving the supply