(d) Details of sugar exported are as under:

Date	Gountry	Qty MT	Price in stg. PMT/ FOB Ex- Godown
3-7-80	Sri Larka Government (Account World Food Programme.)	20	357·5°
14-11-80	Nepal Govern- ment.	1500	389·50

Commodities supplied through fair price shops in Delhi

250 SHRIS KUMARAN: SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUP-PLIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that almost all the commodities supplied through the fair price shops have been in short supply for the last two months;
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what are the commodities being supplied through the fair price shops in Delhi at present and what were their prices at the end of October this year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Delhi Administration there was no short supply of supplied being Commodities the through the fair price shops during the last two months.

(c) As present, the following commodities are being supplied through

the fair price shops in Delhi at the retail issue price indicated against each:---

Commodity			Retail price			
Wheat		•		Rs.	143.	per Kg.
Rice				,,	1 · 76	**
Sugar				,,	2.85	,,
Atta			•	,,	1 · 35	**
Maida				" `	1 8o	**
Suji/rawa		•		,,	1.95	,,
R.B.D. P	alm o	oil		**	8 · 25	**
Rapeseed	oil			,,	8· 50	**

Price of pulses and grams

251. SHŘI YOGENDRA SHÁRMA: SHRIS KUMARAN. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUP-PLIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that prices of pulses and grams have been rapidly increasing since October this year:
- (b) if so, what are the details of the price of the pulses in Super Bazar in Delhi at the end of August and at the end of second week of November this year and
- (c) what is the reason for such a sudden spurt in price of the pulses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE SUPPLIES CIVIL MINISTRY OF (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) There has been some increase in the prices of pulses including gram since October this year.

- (b) Information is given in the statement.
- (c) The main reason for increase in prices may be attributed to substantial decline in the production of pulses in 1979-80 as compared to the preceding year.

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RETAIL PRICES OF PULSES AT SUPER BAZAR, DELHI

(Rs. per Kg)

Name of Commodities	of	t week S August, 980	Second week of November 1980
Arhar Dal	•	4.30	4.95
Urad whole		3 ⋅60	4.00
Urad chilka		3.75	4 ^{· 1} 5
Urad washed		4.35	5.10
Moong whole		4.45	4.95
Moong chilka	•	4.65	5.00
Moong washed		5.25	5.45
Malka Masoor		4•40	5•40
Dal Chana		4* 20	6•15
Ka ¹ a Chana .	•	3·60	5. 55

Tax evasion by M/s TELCO

252. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: SHRI M. KALYANA-SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company Limited (TELCO) has not been paying any tax at all since 1976-77;
- (b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "NEW AGE" weekly dated October 5, 1980 and TELCO's explanation thereto published in the same paper dated November 5, 1980 in the "Letters to editor" coloum; and
- (c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA):

(a) to (c) Information is being col-

lected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Export of Cardamom

253. SHRI S. KUMARAN: SHRI ERA SEZHIYAN: SHRI SURENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to pool the cardamom for the purpose of exports;
- (b) if so, the details and reasonstherefor;
- (c) whether the Kerala State Government has protested against this decision on the ground that it would adversely affect the interest of that State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRIPRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The matter is being examined in all its aspects.

Canalising the export of fresh mutten

254. SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR: SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

> SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVARE-KAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently lifted the ban on the export of fresh mutton;
- (b) whether it is a fact that hajasthan State Co-operative Sheep and Wool Marketing Federation have made several representations to the effect that export of fresh mutton should be