

से संबंधित अपनी रिपोर्ट में कृषि मूल्य आयोग ने सिफारिश की थी कि 1980-81 के विपणन मौसम के लिये धान का अधिप्राप्ति मूल्य 95 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल बरकरार रखा जाये। जून के आरम्भ में सरकार ने उर्वरकों एवं तेल के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने के निर्णय की घोषणा की थी। सरकार ने कृषि मूल्य आयोग से 1980-81 के खरीफ मौसम से बोई जाने वाली फसलों के समर्थन/अधिप्राप्ति मूल्यों की सिफारिश करते समय उर्वरकों तथा पेट्रोलियम के बड़े हुए मूल्यों को ध्यान में रखने को कहा था ताकि कृषकों को बड़ी हुई लागत से नुकसान न हो। अतः कृषि मूल्य आयोग ने 1980-81 के खरीफ धानों के लिये मूल्य से संबंधित एक पुरक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की थी जिसमें धान की अधिप्राप्ति मूल्य के बारे में 100 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की सिफारिश की गई है। सरकार राज्य सरकारों के परामर्श से धान की अधिप्राप्ति मूल्य के बारे में शीघ्र ही निर्णय लेगी।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). In his report on price policy for kharif cereals for 1980-81 season submitted in May, 1980, the Agricultural Prices Commission had recommended that the procurement price for paddy may be maintained at Rs. 95 per quintal for the 1980-81 marketing season. In early June, Government announced its decision to increase price of fertilisers and oil. The Government also decided to request Agricultural Prices Commission to take into account the increased prices of fertilisers and petroleum products while recommending support/procurement prices for crops starting from kharif 1980-81 season so as to compensate the farmers for increased cost. Accordingly, Agricultural Pri-

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ces Commission submitted a supplementary report on the prices for kharif cereals for the 1980-81 season in which the procurement price of paddy has been recommended at Rs. 100 per quintal. The Government would take decision on procurement price of paddy shortly in consultation with the State Governments.]

#### Export of rice

5. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEP-TULLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of fine/superfine varieties of rice exported during the last year; and

(b) what are the names of the countries to which the grain was exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). A quantity of 1,26,351 Metric Tonnes of fine/superfine varieties of rice valued at Rs. 3,158.77 lakhs was exported to UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Muscat and Oman. In addition, a quantity of 1,99,403 tonnes of fine rice was exported to U.S.S.R. in exchange for crude oil.

#### Production of Pulses

6. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEP-TULLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what progress has so far been made to increase production of pulses during the last three years; and

(b) what measures are being taken to achieve self-sufficiency in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The production of pulses during 1977-78 and 1978-79 was 11.97 and 12.17 million tonnes respectively. The estimates of pulses production for 1979-80 have not yet been finalised.

(b) The principal measures for increasing the production of pulses are given below :

(i) Under a Centrally sponsored scheme, an intensive programme for development of pulses, is under implementation in 56 districts, which account for nearly two-third area under pulse crop in the country. Among other things, this scheme aims at demonstrations on farmers' fields; provision of training for farmers and extension workers; production of Rhizobium culture; strengthening of the seed production and distribution arrangements; and expansion of plant protection measures;

(ii) In addition, States are undertaking pulse development programme from their own funds; and

(iii) The cultivation of summer moong after the harvest of wheat has been popularised by organising special campaigns in Northern States and rabi moong/urd in rice fallows in Eastern and Southern States.

**Ban on the use of power thrashers and harvester combines**

7. DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA;  
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA  
HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to ban the use of power thrashers and harvester combines; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Utilisation capacity of the Bread Units of Modern Bakeries (India) Limited**

8. DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA; DE,  
(SHRIMATI) NAJMA  
HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the utilisation capacity of the bread units installed by the Modern Bakeries (India) Limited; and

(b) what are the reasons for not fully utilising the installed capacity at various centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The capacity utilisation varied from Unit to Unit ranging from 28 per cent to 97 per cent during 1979-80. The average capacity utilisation over the past three years has been about 64 per cent.

(b) There are a number of factors affecting capacity utilisation in some of the units, like man-management problems, time required for developing a market for new units, expanding the product range, power cuts, labour problems, etc.

**Progress of the Task Force to enquire into performance of Calcutta Telephone Service**

9. SHRI KALYAN ROY;  
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the progress of the Task Force which was set up to enquire into the performance and working of Calcutta Telephone Service;

(b) whether it has submitted its report;

(c) if not, what are the reasons of delay; and

(d) by when it is likely to submit the report?