

However, the State Government of West Bengal requested for raising the cost-ceiling limit for various categories of houses prescribed by HUDCO. Since the cost-ceiling limits of HUDCO has been fixed, taking into account the repaying capacity of the beneficiaries and are applicable for all Schemes throughout the country, it has not been possible to accede to the request of the State Government.

Construction of houses by Housing and Urban Development Corporation

905. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state what is the State-wise number of houses so far sanctioned for construction by Housing and Urban Development Corporation under its 1979 scheme?

THE MINISTER OF "WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): A statement showing State-wise number of houses sanctioned by Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd., New Delhi, in 1979-80 scheme, is enclosed as per Annexure.

Statement

HUDCO number of houses sanctioned by under its 1979-80 schemes

State/U.T.	No. of Residential dwellings Sanctioned
Andhra Pradesh	48026
Assam	325
Bihar	1197
Gujarat	33210
Haryana	1903
Himachal Pradesh
Jammu & Kashmir
Karnataka	44500
Kerala	10306
Madhya Pradesh	3055

State/U.T.	No. of Residential Dwellings sanctioned
Maharashtra	2558
Orissa	1221
Punjab	5685
Rajasthan	6536
Tamil Nadu	20680
Uttar Pradesh	12245
West Bengal	4475
<i>Union Territories</i>	
Chandigarh	3013
Delhi	3906
Goa, Daman & Diu
Pondicherry
TOTAL	202841

Requirement and supply of ansar to States

906. SHRI SANGDOPAL LEPCHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what are the requirements of sugar and how much sugar has been supplied to the States during the last three years, State-wise; month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): It is during the periods of partial control on sugar that monthly levy sugar quotas are allotted to the State Governments for distribution to domestic consumers through fair price shops and the total quantum of levy sugar released each month for allocation to all the States is determined from time to time having regard to availability of levy sugar in the light of production trends, carryover stocks etc. With the reintroduction of partial control on sugar with effect from 1st-12-1979, 2.71 lakh tonnes of levy sugar per month

is being released for allocation to the States as was done during partial control immediately prior to decontrol of sugar on 16-8-1978.

Since during the last 3 years from 1977 to 1979 decontrol of sugar was in force from 16-8-78 to 16-12-1979, it was only during partial control periods i.e. from January 1977 to 15-8-1978 and from 17-12-1979 onwards that the monthly levy sugar quotas have been allotted to the States and the same are shown in the statement at Appendix. [See Appendix CXIV, Annexure No. 83]. While 17 States/Union Territories are themselves arranging the lifting of allotted sugar from the factories, in the case of remaining 14 States/Union Territories the lifting of sugar from factories is arranged by the Food Corporation of India. Out of the total levy sugar allocation of 14.77 lakh tonnes made from mid-December 1979 to May 1980, the levy sugar moved up- | to the end of May 1980 was of the order of 13.7 lakh tonnes leaving a balance of 1.07 lakh tonnes to be moved further. Of these, 89,000 tonnes remained to be moved by FCJ and 18000 tonnes by the direct allottee States. The validity period of levy allotment orders is extended from time to time to enable the completion of lifting of the entire allotted quantities from the factories and the supply thereof to various State Governments.

Maximum house building advance given to Government Officer

907. SHRI JA'GDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the maximum house building advance given to a Central Government officer at present;

(b) when the ceiling was fixed; whether it is a fact that there is a steep rise in prices of raw materials needed for building a house; and-

(d) if so, what is the increase in percentage in the price rise of building raw materials since the maximum advance limit was last fixed?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The maximum house building advance admissible to Government servant is Rs. 70,000 or 75 month's basic pay or actual cost of construction/ cost of flat or his repaying capacity, whichever is the least.

(b) The ceiling was last revised in January, 1973.

(c) There has been an appreciable increase in the prices of important building materials, since 1973-74, when the maximum amount of House Building Advance was last revised.

(d) A statement showing the requisite information is attached.

Statement		
Increase in Prices of important Building Materials since 1973-74		
Sl. No.	Items	% increase over 1973-74 price index
1	Bricks	87.3
2	Cement	104.3
3	Sheet Glass	141.9
4	Sanitary ware	115.2
5	Logs & Timber. . . .	187.7
6	Paints & Varnishes	83.1
7	Bars & Rods	101.9