

Annexure II

Procurement of Wheat during the years 1975-76 and 1974-75 (upto 6th March, 1976)

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

S.No.	States	Rabi Marketing Season's	
		1975-76	1974-75
1	Bihar	51.5	1.7
2	Gujarat	16.6	20.7
3	Haryana	433.4	249.0
4	Jammu & Kashmir	18.9	6.7
5	Madhya Pradesh	137.5	124.1
6	Maharashtra	54.8	20.4
7	Punjab	2361.0	1046.3
8	Rajasthan	183.7	126.7
9	Uttar Pradesh	700.1	309.6
10	Others	Neg.	2.4
11	All India	4047.5	1907.6

Neg-Below 50 tonnes.

Use of ground-nut oil in the manufacture of Vanaspati

*85. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had imposed restrictions on the use of groundnut oil in the manufacture of vanaspati when groundnut oil was in short supply;

(b) whether in view of the abundant crop of groundnut this year, Government are considering to relax these restrictions; and

(c) what steps are now being taken to provide support price to groundnut producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c) Government have prescribed a maximum limit on groundnut oil usage in the manufacture of vanaspati since December, 1972—presently it is at the level of 25 per cent—mainly to ensure its (groundnut oil) availability in a larger measure for direct consumption and to promote the use of non-traditional edible oils in the manufacture of vanaspati. Because of the decline in production of groundnut during 1972-73 and 1973-74, the prices of groundnut and groundnut oil had shown an abnormal rise, and the present fall in prices represents in a way restoration of the previous position. The price position and availability of the entire range of oil seeds and oils is, however, under continual review of the Government for taking appropriate action.