

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b) As a result of corrective measures and stringent action taken against hoarders and black-marketeters the prices of various essential commodities are showing a down-ward trend. The wholesale price index of cereals, pulses, sugar and edible oils during the period from 28-9-74 to 26-10-74 have shown a fall between 1.7 per cent and 8.9 per cent. The wholesale index number of milk and milk production, tea & groundnuts during the period from July upto 3rd week of October 1974 registered a fall ranging between 1.4 per cent and 10.4 per cent.

Assessment about the demand and supply of fertilisers for rabi season

335. SHRI B. P. NAGARAJA MUR-THY: SHRI B. RACHAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the off-take of fertiliser in most of the States has dropped by about 15 per cent because of the hike in fertiliser prices and widespread drought;

(b) whether any assessment by Government regarding the gap between demand and supply of fertilisers for the coming rabi season has since been made; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken to meet it ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) : (a) Reports indicating a decline in the off-take of fertiliser in June-August 1974 as compared to the corresponding months of 1973 had been received in respect of some of the States. It is assessed that the decline was due to a number of factors like natural calamities of drought and floods, credit squeeze, increase in

by and large temporary factors and mostly requiring some adjustments in financial and internal distribution arrangements. The off-take has subsequently shown trends of recovery in most of the States.

(b) Yes Sir. It is estimated that during the Rabi 1974-75 season, availability of fertilizers may be roughly 30 per cent short of the requirements.

(c) (i) Maximum steps are being taken to increase production from domestic manufacturers.

(ii) Efforts are being made to import the maximum possible quantities.

(iii) A drive has been undertaken for the most economical use of the available fertilizer.

(iv) Efforts are being made to supplement the use of chemical fertilizers by the use of organic manures and rural urban compost.

(v) Keeping in view port handling, railway logistics and economic marketing zones of factories so that the minimum quantities may remain in the pipeline, several fertilizer distribution is being carefully planned in the most rational manner.

Representation for the fishing seamen's association

336. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government, have recently received any representation from the Central Government Fishing Seamen's Association, Cochin with regard to their problems ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations of the Central Government Fishing Seamen's Association

have been examined from time to time. Their demand for grant of full dearness allowance and City Compensatory Allowance to floating staff in addition to Messing allowance has been accepted, as recommended by the Third Pay Commission, and orders will be issued shortly. Their other problems are being looked into again.

Performance of Indians at Tehran

337. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of competitors from India and the names of the events in which they participated in the last Asian Games held at Tehran;

(b) the details of performance of the Indian sportsmen in the events and the number of medals won; and the comparison with other medal winning Asian nations: and

(c) what is Government's reaction on India's performance at the Asian Games?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

(a) 130 Sportsmen from India participated in the VII Asian Games held at Tehran in September, 1974. They participated in Athletics (Men & Women), Badminton, Cycling, Water-Polo, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling (Free-Style and Greco-Roman), Boxing, Shooting (Trap, Skeet and Standard Pistol), Hockey and Football.

(b) Following is the medal tally of the Indian sportsmen in the VII Asian Games. In the final standards India's position is seventh after Japan, Iran, China, South Korea, North Korea and Israel.

(i) Decathlon	Athletics	} 4 Gold Medals
Long Jump	Do.	
800 Metres	Do.	
5000 Metres	Do.	
(ii) Shooting	Trap	} 12 Silver Medals
Boxing	Heavyweight	
Boxing	Light heavy weight	
Boxing	Middle weight	
Hockey team	Athletics	
Triple Jump	Do.	
Shot Put	Do.	
Discus Throw	Do.	
Hammer Throw	Do.	
3000 Metres		
Steeple chase		
10000 Metres race (Athletics)		
4 x 400 Metres Relay team (Athletics)		
(iii) Shooting	Skeet	} 12 Bronze medals
Boxing	Light-weight	
Boxing	Fly-weight	
Wrestling	Greco-roman	
Wrestling	Free Style	
Wrestling	Free Style	
Wrestling	Do.	
Shot Put	Athletics	
Long Jump	Do.	
Decathlon	Do.	
400 Metres hurdles	Do.	
Badminton team		