

STATEMENT

Commodity	1967-68		1968-69		Quantity	Tonnes:
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Value: 1969-70	Rs. in lakhs (April- Oct)
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Groundnut						
Sesamum	5,104	69.80	4,993	73.82	2,276	24.32
Rape and Mustard seeds	37	0.39	161	2.06	115	1.25
Linseed	14	0.13	15	0.17	7	0.07
Castorseed	24,870	442.10	14,788	260.42	12,352	192.08
Copra						
Oils :						
Soyabean Oil	52,000	1423.83	43,374	949.35	43,061	1046.81
Mustard Oil	362	10.40	14	0.54		
Castor Oil	Neg.	Neg.				
Linseed Oil					33	0.99

Neg.-Negligible.

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Control on Foodgrain!

345. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN; SHRI G. P. SOMASUNDARAM SHRI RANCHI KALYANA-SUNDARAM; SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM:

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

(a) whether Government have any uniform policy of control on foodgrains;

(b) if so, whether any State Government has recently removed control on foodgrains; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) Government's approach to the question of controls or otherwise is based on pragmatic considerations. Such a policy is aimed at securing equitable distribution of available supplies of foodgrains and price stability.

(b) The Government of Tamil Nadu in the light of improved food position abolished inter-district movement restrictions on paddy and rice and withdrew statutory rationing from the cities of Madras and Coimbatore and its belt areas in January, 1970. The Government of Andhra Pradesh also withdrew statutory rationing completely from the cities of Hyderabad-Seconderabad and Visakhapatnam from 15th February, 1970.

(c) The Central Government do not object to any State Government introducing relaxations in controls provided such relaxations do not cut across the interests of the national food policy.