

## STATEMENT

Commodity	1967-68		1968-69		Quantity Value: 1969-70	Tonnes: Rs. in lakhs (April- Oct)
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Groundnut	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sesamum	12	0.19	15	0.18	8	0.09
Rape and Mustard seeds	5,104	69.80	4,993	73.82	2,276	24.32
Linseed	37	0.39	161	2.06	115	1.25
Castorseed	14	0.13	15	0.17	7	0.07
Copra	24,870	442.10	14,788	260.42	12,352	192.08
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 Foodgrains

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SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-  
SUNDARAM:  
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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 DEVE-

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.