

¶ THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The number of working sugar mills at present in each State is as under:

Andhra Pradesh	19
Assam	1
Bihar	29
Gujarat	3
Kerala	3
Madhya Pradesh	5
Madras	13
Maharashtra	32
Mysore	8
Orissa	2
Pondicherry	1
Punjab	8
Rajasthan	2
Uttar Pradesh	71
West Bengal	1
TOTAL	198

(b) The minimum price for sugarcane for 1965-66 was fixed factory wise on the basis of Rs. 5-36 per quintal linked to a recovery of 10-4 per cent or below subject to an increase of 4 paise per quintal for every increase of 0-1 per cent in recovery above 10-4 per cent.

NUMBER OF ROAD-WORTHY BUSES WITH D.T.U.

220. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of road-worthy buses with the Delhi Transport Undertaking on 31st March, 1966 is less than the number on 31st March, 1965; and

(b) how many buses were purchased during 1965-66 ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Order for purchase of 73 buses was placed during the year 1965-66. However, 67 buses were added to the fleet of the Delhi Transport Undertaking during that year.

WHEAT AND GRAM PRICES IN PUNJAB AND RAJASTHAN

221. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD PAHADIA: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of wheat and gram have gone high in Punjab and Rajasthan since the declaration of new zones recently; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) and (b) The new zone for wheat and gram consists of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi (excluding the rationed area in respect of wheat) and the position of Rajasthan has remained unchanged. A statement showing the wholesale market prices of wheat and gram at the various centres in Punjab and Rajasthan prior to and after the formation of the new wheat zone is placed on the Table of the Sabha. (*see below*). While there has been a rise of prices in some centres, there was a decline at certain other centres.

STATEMENT

Wholesale market prices of wheat and gram at various centres in Punjab and Rajasthan during April-May, 1966

State/Centre	Variety	19-4-66	26-4-66	3-5-66	6-5-66
1. WHEAT					
<i>Punjab</i>					
Abohar	Dara	58.50	58.50	58.00	58.10
Moga	273 (Farm)	56.50	63.75	65.38	62.30
Barnala	Medium	51.00	54.00	54.00	56.00
Amritsar	Dara	52.00	51.90	57.50	57.50
Khanva	Do.	50.10	55.00	60.00	59.50

State/Centre	Variety	19-4-66	26-4-66	3-5-66	6-5-66
Sonepat	Dara	53.50	55.00	55.50	58.00
Batala	Do.	52.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
Ambala	Do.	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50
Jullunder	Do.	51.60	55.00	58.70	58.70
Rohtak	Average	51.50	54.50	54.50	52.50
Hissar	Desi	59.00	61.00	54.50	63.50
<i>Rajasthan</i>					
Kota	Farm	69.50	68.50	70.30	70.30
Jhalawar	White	72.60	95.00	95.00	95.00
Bharatpur	Do.	59.50	61.60	66.00	68.00
Ajmer	Red	68.60	69.58	70.25	71.54
Jaipur	Do.	68.50	68.75	70.25	71.00
Jodhpur	Dara	68.00	63.75	70.50	71.00
Sriganganagar	Do.	70.00	72.50	71.00	70.50

2. GRAM

Punjab

Moga	Desi	51.45	51.80	51.00	50.10
Abohar	Do.	62.50	63.10	65.40	65.40
Barnala	Average	57.00	58.00	58.00	61.00

Rajasthan

Bharatpur		56.15	57.50	56.50	57.50
Ajmer		61.26	61.76	61.74	67.72
Jodhpur		61.16	60.50	59.00	59.00

MARINE LEG OF SILO AT KIDDERPORE DOCKS

222. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHAN-DARI: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) when was the 'Marine Leg' of the 'Silo' installed at Kidderpore Docks, Calcutta port;

(b) whether it is a fact that the 'Silo' is now lying idle having gone out of Commission;

(c) if so, since when it has been lying idle;

(d) the reasons for its having gone out of Commission; and

(e) by when it is expected to be again put into working order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) The 'Marine Leg', in conjunction with the Belt Conveyor, was ready for first trial in March, 1965.

(b) to (e) The silo at Calcutta was out of commission from the middle of February, 1966 to about the middle of April, 1966 at the electrical wiring system in the magnetic head pulley of the belt-conveyor feeding the silo was burnt out. The element was repaired by the Calcutta Port Commissioners pending receipt of a spare pulley from the U.K. and the silo and the equipment have been continuing to operate since the middle of April, 1966.

STUDY TEAM ON FACILITIES AT MAJOR PORTS

223. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHANDRA SATHE: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to refer to page 17 of the Annual Report (1965-66) of his Ministry (Department of Food) and state:

(a) whether the Study Team on survey of grain storage and handling facilities of major ports has since submitted its final report; and

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations?