

- (iv) Restrictions on the holding of stocks of cotton by mills have also been removed.
- (v) Mills have been required to purchase Cambodia (A) and Cambodia (B) varieties of cotton to the extent of 5% of their total quota during the current season.
- (vi) A further export quota of desi cotton has been released.
- (vii) The ceiling price of moglai jarilla with 25/32" basic staple was increased from Rs. 820 to Rs. 945 per candy. Higher prices for other varieties of cotton were fixed on this basis taking their staple lengths into consideration.

WHEAT SUPPLIED TO KALING FLOUR MILL (PRIVATE) LTD.

236. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat supplied to the Kaling Flour Mill (Private) Ltd., Rourkela in Orissa during the period from 1st October, 1961 to 31st December 1962 by the Regional Director of Food, Eastern Region, Calcutta;

(b) the retail prices as fixed by the Regional Director, Food, Calcutta, for Suji, Maida, whole meal atta and resultant atta to be sold at Rourkela; and

(c) the actual rates at which these commodities, particularly resultant atta, are being sold to the public and other retailers by the Kaling Flour Mill at Rourkela?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) 15,342 metric tons.

(b) No such prices are fixed. It is only the ex-mill price that is fixed.

(c) These ex-mill prices applicable to the Kaling Flour Mills are as follows:—

Suji . . .	Rs. 58.94 per quintal
Maida . . .	Rs. 53.58 per quintal
Wholemeal atta . . .	Rs. 41.53 per quintal
Resultant atta . . .	Rs. 39.52 per quintal

COST OF PRODUCTION STUDIES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

237. SHRI BABA SAHEB SAVNEKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government are contemplating cost of production studies of important agricultural commodities with special reference to prevailing market prices at the time of respective harvests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research in collaboration with the Commodity Committees concerned are already conducting the following cost of cultivation surveys:

Crop	Area covered
1. Cotton and crops grown in rotation with it namely, oilseeds (groundnut/sarson) and cereals (jowar/wheat).	Important cotton and oilseed producing districts of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab and Mysore.
2. Jute and paddy.	Important jute producing districts of West Bengal, Bihar and Assam.

A proposal for conducting a survey to study the cost of cultivation of rice is under consideration.

The above studies aim at collecting representative data on labour and