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20	Madhya Pradesh	312840
21	Maharashtra	365232
22	Manipur	12480
23	Meghalaya	12960
24	Mizoram	3912
25	Nagaland	8544
26	Orissa	199488
27	Puducherry	2232
28	Punjab	45072
29	Rajasthan	254376
30	Sikkim	3168
31	Tamil Nadu	174360
32	Tripura	19584
33	Uttar Pradesh	795000
34	Uttarakhand	18096
35	West Bengal	481776
TOTAL ALLOCATION		4537326

*Including separate allocation of 4626 KL for Laddakh Region of Jammu and Kashmir.

** PDS Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) quota for Delhi is linked to new LPG connections released to BPL/AAY/JRC Ration card holders under the "Kerosene Free Delhi Scheme" and is being progressively reduced on quarterly basis.

Price rise of onion

†2242. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer retail sale price of onion touched Rs. 50 per kilogram in the country during the period from June to August, 2013;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether an Inter-Ministerial Committee has been set up to monitor the situation of price rise;

(d) if so, whether this Committee has given any suggestion to reduce the prices, and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the said Committee has also assessed the onion production, and if so, the status of onion production during the period 2012-13 and 2013-14?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) During the period June to August 2013, the prices as reported by the State Civil Supplies Departments from various centres in the country show that, retail prices of onion have been on the rise. In the month of August 2013, the retail prices of onion were in the range of Rs.40 to Rs.60 per kg.

The prices of onion are governed by market forces of demand and supply, cost of transportation and storage, weather conditions etc.

(c) and (d) An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) is in position to look into onion issues which recommended a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 650 PMT in view of the continued rise in the domestic price of onion. This MEP came into effect from 14th August, 2013.

(e) The Committee reviews, inter-alia, the production of onion in the country.

As per the second advance estimates released by National Horticulture Board, onion production during 2012-13 is 16.66 million tonnes. No firm estimates of onion production for 2013-14 are available.

Foodgrains procurement in Jharkhand

2243. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains procurement in Jharkhand has not achieved the desired progress so far;