

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mustard Oil (Packed)	109.73	108.39	107.14	111.27	102.22	1.24	2.42	-1.38	7.35
Vanaspati (Packed)	74.87	74.44	72.76	71.62	74.13	0.58	2.9	4.54	1
Soya Oil (Packed)	82.99	81.84	83.41	82.04	82.75	1.41	-0.5	1.16	0.29
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	95.67	97.16	96.78	97.66	92.81	-1.53	-1.15	-2.04	3.08
Palm Oil (Packed)	68.51	68.81	69.83	63.43	65.44	-0.44	-1.89	8.01	4.69

Source: States/UTs Civil Supplies Deptts.

(B) Prices of Major Oilseeds

Oilseeds	Prices of Major Oilseeds in ₹/MT			Variation in %	
	22nd July, 2016	22nd June, 2016	Average July, 2015	1 month	1 year
	Groundnut	55,500	53,500	50,481	3.74
Soyabean	37,500	38,000	33,856	-1.32	10.76
Rapeseed/Mustard	51,650	48,200	45,775	7.16	12.83
Sunflower	57,000	56,000	35,731	1.79	59.53

Source: The Solvent Extractors' Association of India

Sale of crops by farmers below the MSP

†1406. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers have to sell their wheat below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) because Government purchase of wheat does not remain systematic in several States during the season of crop arrival, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that farmers have to sell pulses and oilseeds crops below the MSP due to lack of guarantee of purchase from Government, if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) No, Sir. There is a Uniform Policy for procurement by Government Agencies across the country. Under this policy, whatever food grains are offered by farmers, within the stipulated period and conforming to the specifications prescribed by Government of India (GOI) are purchased at Minimum Support Price (MSP) by the Government agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI) for Central Pool. However, if producer/farmer gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market *i.e.* to private trader/ anyone.

(b) During the Kharif and current Rabi seasons the procurement of pulses from the farmers is being done by Government Agencies at market rates which are much above the MSP rates announced by the GOI.

Government of India has included FCI as a Central Nodal Agency along with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC) for procurement of pulses and oilseeds. GOI has set a target of procuring 50,000 ton of pulses from Kharif crop 2015-16 and 1,00,000 ton pulses of Rabi crop in RMS 2016-17.

To meet this objective FCI, NAFED, SFAC were mandated by GOI to procure pulses at market price and maintain buffer stock under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme.

Lower sugar production in 2016-17 season

1407. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has imposed 20 per cent duty on export of raw sugar-white or refined sugar, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether sugar export was just becoming viable with recent spurt in global prices but 20 per cent export duty will make that unviable, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government wants to conserve sugar domestically in view of expected fall in its production in 2016-17 sugar season, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether country's export had started falling due to strengthening of local prices on expectations of lower output in coming season, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has imposed customs duty @ 20% on export of raw, white and refined sugar *vide* Department of Revenue Notification No. 37/2016-customs dated 16.06.2016.

(b) Currently, global sugar price is hovering around 535 USD per MT which