

Production, Allocation and Export of foodgrains

1823. **SHRI ANAND SHARMA:** Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state—

(a) the production of foodgrains during the period 2000-03, year-wise and the quantity available in the buffer stocks of the Food Corporation of India as on 31st December, 2003;

(b) the allocation of rice and wheat made by Government for the Food for Work Programme during the years 2000 to 2004; the total mandays of employment generated and the number of people who benefited from it; and

(c) the quantity of rice and wheat exported during the years 2001-2002 and 2003 by the FCI and the prices at which such exports were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Year-wise production of foodgrains (rice and wheat) during 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 is at statement (See below). As on 31st December, 2003 the buffer stock of foodgrains was 250.16 lakh tonnes comprising 117.27 lakh tonnes of rice, 126.87 lakh tonnes of wheat and 6.02 lakh tonnes of Coarse grains.

(b) The Food for Work Programme was implemented during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02. It was discontinued with effect from 01.04.2002 and the programme thereafter is continuing as Special Component of Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY). The foodgrain allocated and mandays generated are shown in Statement-II (See below).

(c) The quantity of rice and wheat lifted by the Public Undertakings (PSUs)/Private parties for export purposes during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as follows:—

(in lakh tonnes)

| Year | Rice | Wheat | Total |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2001-02 | 24.69 | 37.95 | 62.64 |
| 2002-03 | 80.71 | 67.93 | 148.64 |
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The prices of rice and wheat during the different crop year are at Statement-III and IV.

Statement-I*Year-wise production of foodgrains from 2000 to 2004**(in Lakh Tonnes)*

| Crop | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04* |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Rice | 849.8 | 933.4 | 726.6 | 870.0 |
| Wheat | 696.8 | 727.7 | 651.0 | 720.6 |

*Based on 4th Advance Estimates of Directorate of Economic & Statistics, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

Statement-II

Details of quantity of foodgrains allocated and the mandays generated during the years 2000 to 2004

| Year | Scheme | Foodgrains Allocated (in lakh MTs.) | Mandays Generated (in Lakh) |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 2000-01 | Food for work Programme | 6.00 | 2117.40 |
| 2001-02 | Food for Work Programme | 34.32 | 4230.23 |
| 2002-03 | Sampoorn Gramin Rojgar Yojana (Special Component) | 63.41 | 8725.89 |
| 2003-04 | Sampoorn Gramin Rojgar Yojana (Special Component) | 65.84 | 6996.02 |

Statement-III*Details of prices at which export of rice were made*

Item: Rice

(Figures in Rs. Per MT)

| S No. | Period | Rates | |
|-------|--|-----------|--------|
| | | Parboiled | Raw |
| | | Rice | Rice |
| 1 | From March to June, 2001 | 6750/- | 6750/- |
| 2 | From 08.06.2001 to 31.03.2002 | 6000/- | 5650/- |
| 3 | From 01.04.2002 (Upto 31.07.2002) | 6115/- | 5760/- |
| 4 | From 01.08.2002 (Upto 15.11.2002) | 6265/- | 5910/- |
| 5 | From 16.11.2002 (Upto 31.03.2003) | 6865/- | 6510/- |
| 6 | From 01.01.2003 (Upto 31.03.2003) | 6615/- | 6260/- |
| | Crop Year 2001-02 and Earlier Years | | |
| 7 | From 01.04.2003 (Upto 30.06.2003) | 6665/- | 6360/- |
| | Crop Year 2001-02 and Earlier Years | | |
| 8 | From 01.04.2003 (Upto 30.06.2003) | 6915/- | 6610/- |
| | Crop Year 2002-03 and Earlier Years | | |
| 9 | From 01.07.2003 (Upto 30.09.2003) | | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 7250/- | 7050/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 7300/- | 7100/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 7350/- | 7150/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 7425/- | 7225/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 7500/- | 7300/- |
| 10 | From 01.10.2003 (Upto 31.12.2003) | | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 7250/- | 7050/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 7300/- | 7100/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 7350/- | 7150/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 7425/- | 7225/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 7500/- | 7300/- |
| 11 | From 01.01.2004 (Valid Upto 31.3.2004) | | |
| | (Validity Extended Upto 30.06.2004) | | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 7550/- | 7350/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 7600/- | 7400/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 7650/- | 7450/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 7725/- | 7525/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 7800/- | 7600/- |
| | From 01.07.2004 to 30.9.2004 | | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 and Earlier Years | 8600/- | 8600/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 8600/- | 8600/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 8600/- | 8600/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 8600/- | 8600/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 8600/- | 8600/- |
| | f) Crop Year 2003-2004 | Nil | Nil |

Statement —IV**Details of prices at which export of wheat were made**

Item: Wheat

(Figures in Rs. Per MT)

| S No. | Period | Rate |
|-------|---|--------|
| 1 | From November, 2000 to 31.03.2001 | 4150/- |
| 2 | From 01.04.2001 | 4300/- |
| 3 | From 20.07 2001 | 4200/- |
| 4 | From 01 12 2001 | 4250/- |
| 5 | For Export of Wheat to IRAQ | 4340/- |
| 6 | From 11.05 2002 (upto 30 09 2002) | 4310/- |
| 7 | From 01 06.2002 (New Crop Year) (upto 30 09 2002) | 4350/- |
| 8. | From 01.01 2002 (Sound wheat) Crop Year 2001-02 And Before | 4560/- |
| 9. | From 01 10 2002 (Current Wheat) 2002-03 Upto 31 12 2002 | 4600/- |
| 10 | From 01.01.2003 (Sound Wheat) Crop Year 2001-02 And Before (Valid upto 31 03 2003) | 4810/- |
| 11. | From 01 01.2003 (Crop Year 2002-2003) (Valid Upto 31 03 2003) | 4950/- |
| 12 | From 01.04 2003 (Valid upto 30.06 2003) | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 4310/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 4610/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 4810/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 4810/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 4950/- |
| 13 | From 01.07.2003 (Valid upto 30 09 2003) | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 4510/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 4910/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 5110/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 5110/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 5250/- |
| | f) Crop Year 2003-2004 | 5550/- |
| 14. | From 01.10.2003 (Valid upto 31 12 2003) | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 and Earlier Years | 4985/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 5385/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 5585/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 5585/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 5725/- |
| | f) Crop Year 2003-2004 | 6025/- |
| 15. | From 01.01.2004 (Valid upto 31 03.2004) Validity Extended upto 30 06 2004 and Earlier Years | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 5485/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 5885/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 6085/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 6085/- |

| S No | Period | Rate |
|------|---|--------|
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 6225/- |
| | f) Crop Year 2003-2004 | 6525/- |
| 16 | From 01.07 2004 (Valid upto 30 09.2004) and Earlier Year | |
| | a) Crop Year 1998-1999 | 5700/- |
| | b) Crop Year 1999-2000 | 6100/- |
| | c) Crop Year 2000-2001 | 6300/- |
| | d) Crop Year 2001-2002 | 6400/- |
| | e) Crop Year 2002-2003 | 6500/- |
| | f) Crop Year 2003-2004 | 7000/- |

Gap between production and consumption of sugar

†1824. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 108 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th July, 2004 and state:

(a) the suggestions given by sugar industry and the decision taken thereon;

(b) the details of gap between production and consumption of sugar at present and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill the gap between production and consumption of sugar and by when its outcome will be known?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The suggestions of the sugar industry included, *inter alia*, expeditious settlement of subsidy claims, reduction in the rate of interest on SDF loans and taking up matters of credit, cogeneration of power and production of ethanol with the concerned Ministries. Government have decided to reduce interest rates on SDF loans and have taken up matters of credit, cogeneration and ethanol with the concerned Ministries. Settlement of subsidy claims has been expedited.

(b) and (c) Drought and pest infestation have affected sugar production in 2003-04 season. However, the estimated consumption of sugar of 180 lakh tonnes in 2003-04 sugar season will be met by the

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