

(b) and (c) The Central Issue Prices and the scale of issue of foodgrains, sugar and kerosene as on 30.6.2003 are as under:-

Central Issue Price (Rs. per kg.)				Scale of issue of foodgrains (rice and wheat) per family per month
APL	BPL	AAY		
Rice	8.30	5.65	3.00	35 kg.
Wheat	6.10	4.15	2.00	35 kg.
Sugar: Rs. 13.50 (retail price of levy sugar)				The scale of issue differs from State to State and varies between 500 grams to 1625 grams per person per month.
Kerosene: The retail issue price ranges between Rs. 8.80 to Rs. 10.50 per Itr. and varies from State to State and even from place to place within the State.				The scale of issue ranges between 3 Itrs. to 12 Itrs. per card per month and varies from State to State and even from place to place within the State.

The data on prices of these items in open market is not maintained.

Import of Palmolien through STC

457. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 332 given in Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to permit the State Governments to import 18,000 tons of RBD Palmolien through STC with 45 per cent duty under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government have decided not to permit such import under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) in view of the non-feasibility as per the WTO provisions.