

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) have recommended charging of a fee of around Rs. 200 to 300 in Kendriya Vidyalayas at Secondary Stage and a similar level of fee to be charged in Navodaya Vidyalayas from students belonging to families above poverty line. The recommendations of the ERC are under consideration of the Government of India.

Scrapping of Railway Projects

†*80. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's Office has asked the Ministry of Railways to consider scrapping all those projects which were, approved 10 years back or prior thereto but work has not started on them;

(b) if so, the State-wise and project-wise details thereof and the reasons for not starting the projects; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Oilseeds production and price

331. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and price per quintal of various oilseeds in the country during the period 1991—2001, year-wise;

(b) the details of edible oil imported into the country during the above period, year-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of oilseeds registered a continuous fall during this period;

(d) if so, whether the lifting of QRS has resulted in the fall of prices; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The production and annual average of month-end wholesale prices of major oilseeds in Important markets in the country since 1991 to 2001 are given at Statement I and II respectively. (*See below*)

(b) Imports of edible oils into the country during 1991 to 2001 are given in the Table below:—

Lakh tonnes

Year	Import of edible oils
1991-92	2.26
1992-93	1.03
1993-94	1.14
1994-95	3.47
1995-96	10.62
1996-97	14.16
1997-98	12.66
1998-99	26.22
1999-2000	41.96
2000-2001	39.75

(c) No Sir, the month-end wholesale prices of oilseeds show a fluctuating trend for the period under consideration.

(d) and (e) The import of edible oil has been kept under Open General Licence (OGL) and there is no quantitative restriction on its import. Due to low import duty during the last two years, there has been a surge in imports of edible oils which has led to a fall in prices of some of the indigenous oilseeds like soyabean, sunflower, rapeseed, mustard, coconut etc.

Statement-I*Estimates of Production of Oilseeds for the period 1990-91 to 2000-01*

(Lakh Tonnes)

Crops	(Season)	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Groundnut (Kharif)		51.2	49.9	66.6	57.1	60.5	60.6	69.4	59.0	69.1	38.0	47.1
	(Rabi)	23.9	21.0	19.0	21.2	20.0	15.3	17.0	14.7	20.7	14.5	15.1
	(Total)	75.1	70.9	85.6	78.3	80.6	75.8	86.4	73.7	89.8	52.5	62.2
Sesamum (Kharif)		8.4	7.1	7.6	5.6	5.9	5.3	6.4	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.9
Nigerseed (Kharif)		1.9	1.8	1.6	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2
Rapeseed & Mustard		52.3	58.7	48.0	53.3	57.6	60.0	66.6	47.0	56.6	57.9	42.1
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Safflower (Rabi)		3.2	2.0	3.5	5.2	4.2	3.8	4.5	1.2	2.4	2.6	" 2.0
Sunflower(Rabi)		3.3	3.6	4.3	5.0	3.3	4.5	3.9	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.5
	(Kharif)	5.4	8.3	7.5	8.5	8.9	8.1	8.6	6.5	7.1	4.9	4.8
	(Total)	8.7	11.9	11.8	13.5	12.2	12.6	12.5	8.9	9.5 "	6.9	7.3
Soyabean (Kharif)		26.0	24.9	33.9	47.5	39.3	50.9	53.8	64.6	71.4	70.8	52v7
Copra		5.8	6.0	6.7	7.1	7.9	8.3	7.8	7.6	10.5	10.5	11.0

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Statement-II

Annual Average of month-end wholesale prices of oilseeds

(Rs. Per Quintal)

Year	Ground-nut with Shell Raj-kot (Gujarat)	Rapeseed & Mustard Kanpur (UP.)	Sesamum seed Hyderabad (A.P.)	Copra Kozhikode (Kerala)	Sunflower seed Khangaoon (Maharashtra)	Soyabean (Yellow) Dewas (M.P.)	Nigerseed Ranchi Jalna (Jharkhand)	Safflower Seed (Maharashtra)
1991	1034	1043	1135	2641	1088	650	1187	1054
1992	902	950	1152	3078	955	821	1092	939
1993	933	960	1297	2475	930	670	1261	819
1994	1057	1094	1501	2185	1129	917	1528	962
1995	1322	1217	1772	2385	1224	927	1492	1080
1996	1279	1162	2010	3104	1168	955	1391	1046
1997	1214	1178	1313	3675	1145	1077	1146	1060
1998	1368	1795	1513	3146	1345	1001	1421	1579
1999	1331	1516	1942	3833	1107	880	2050	1332
2000	1378	1221	1817	2525	1079	940	1870	1040
2001	1218	1250	1526	2335	1314	998	1459	1182

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