

[English]

### Price of Molasses

\*128. SHRISOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the average prices of Molasses prevailing in different States after the decontrol;

(b) the average profits obtained by a sugar factory which crush one lakh ton of sugarcane by way of sale of molasses; and

(c) the number of factories that have passed on 50 per cent profits through sale of molasses to the cane growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) A statement showing the levy

sugar zone-wise average realisation obtained from sale of molasses during 1993-94 season upto 31.3.1994 by 188 sugar factories from whom details are available is enclosed.

(b) Profit/loss of sugar factories depends on various factors such as adequate cane availability, size, age and condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial competence, cane price, sales realisation from sugar and bye products, etc. Thus, the average profits obtained by factories on account of sale of molasses alone cannot be separately identified.

(c) Income derived from sale of bye products, including molasses, is taken into account while computing the notified cost of production of sugar. Excess realisation by the sugar factories based on the aforesaid cost of production is to be shared between the cane growers and the sugar factories as provided under Clause 5A of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.

### STATEMENT

*Levy Sugar zone-wise Average Realization obtained from sale of Molasses during 1993-94 season upto 31.3.1994*

<i>Levy sugar zone</i>	<i>Average realisation in Rs./Quintal</i>
Punjab	122.46
Haryana	64.72
Rajasthan	135.00
West Uttar Pradesh	94.86
Central Uttar Pradesh	81.30

<i>Levy sugar zone</i>	<i>Average realisation in Rs./Quintal</i>
East Uttar Pradesh	107.97
Madhya Pradesh	205.05
South Gujarat	164.69
Saurashtra	210.23
South Maharashtra	117.26
North Maharashtra	142.28
Central Maharashtra	138.48
Bihar	102.74
Orissa, Assam, Nagaland	245.27
West Bengal	
Andhra Pradesh	135.27
Karnataka	150.52
Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	106.87
Kerala, Goa & Coastal Karnataka	250.00

### **Rock Sculptures**

\*129. SHRI RABI RAY : SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news item appearing in "Statesman" dated July 8, 1994 that the World famous rock sculptures of Ajanta, Ellora and Aurangabad are deteriorating due to environmental