

**Memorandum submitted by National Sugar Institute, Kanpur**

876. SHRI B. B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are examining the Memorandum from the National Sugar Institute (NSI), Kanpur for revitalising and strengthening the Institute and if so, details of the recommendations and Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether grant of an autonomous status is one of the suggestions made and if so, decision thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to reorganise the NSI and link it directly with the sugar industry by having effective representation of the producers and industry on its governing body with sufficient powers and authority to deal with its functioning effectively ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). No memorandum has been received by Government from the NSI, Kanpur regarding revitalisation and strengthening of the Institute. However, a memorandum has been received from the NSI Officer's and Technical Staff Welfare Association listing various difficulties, administrative and procedural, experienced and making suggestions for improvement including that of granting an autonomous status to the Institute. Government are constantly keeping under review the functioning of the Institute and have for this purpose the benefit of the guidance of an Advisory Board consisting of representatives of the sugar industry, eminent professionals and the Director of the Institute. The difficulties and problems faced by the Institute in carrying out the assignments entrusted to it will continue to be reviewed so that the Institute functions effectively.

**Payment of Daily Wages to Technical Assistants in National Building Construction Corporation**

877. SHRI M. L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Technical Assistants Diploma holders in Civil Engineering working on daily wages in National Building Construction Corporation in Delhi at present;

(b) the rate of instant daily wages paid to a Technical Assistant; and

(c) whether Technical Assistants who are working on daily wages are appointed in regular service as Junior Engineer ?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFUOR):**

(a) There are no Technical Assistants in National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) above.

**Procurement of Rice by F. C. I. from Andhra Pradesh**

878. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of rice procured from Andhra Pradesh by the Food Corporation of India in 1983-84 and 1984-85; and

(b) the quantity of rice given to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for public distribution system in 1983-84 and 1984-85 and the issue price thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) In Andhra Pradesh, the Food Corporation of India procured 14.74 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) in 1983-84, and 10.97 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 marketing season (upto 19-3-85).

(b) The offtake of rice from Central Pool by the State Government. amounted to 10.19 lakh tonnes in 1983-84 and 4.08 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 (upto February '85). The Central issue prices of different varieties of rice for the period are given as under :

(Rs. per quintal)

Variety	With Effect From	
	1.10.1982	16.1.1984
Common	188.00	208.00
Fine	200.00	220.00
Superfine	215.00	235.00

### Production of Pulses in India

879. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the acreage and quantity of each major pulse crop produced, State-wise and year-wise from 1982 to 1984;

(b) whether per capita availability of pulses had been decreasing from 1970-71 upto the end of Fifth Plan; and

(c) efforts made to increase pulses production during Sixth Plan and the achievements thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The area and production of major pulse crops viz. gram and arhar (Tur), State-wise for the years 1981-82 to 1983-84 have been published in the publication entitled 'Area and Production of Principal Crops in India, 1981-84' and its supplement, issued by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

(b) Per capita daily net availability of pulses has declined from a level of 51.2 gms. in 1971 to 44.7 gms. in 1979.

(c) Efforts made to increase pulses production during Sixth Plan, inter-alia, include :

(i) extension of pulses crop in irrigated farming systems;

(ii) bringing additional area under :

(a) short duration varieties of pulses in rice fallows by utilising the residual moisture in rabi season; and

(b) cultivation of short duration varieties of moong in summer season with irrigation after oilseeds, sugarcane, potatoes and wheat.

(iii) multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds and distribution of seeds minikits;

(iv) adoption of plant protection measures, use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture price support and propagation of improved technology.

As a result of these efforts, the production of pulses has increased from 10.63 million tonnes in 1980-81 to 12.65 million tonnes in 1983-84.

### Import of Chemical Fertilizers

882. SHRI C. MADHAVA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether large quantity of chemical fertilizers continue to be imported;

(b) whether India is not fully utilising its natural organic waste including precious tree-leaves and animal dung which are being burnt even in the capital as a routine;

(c) whether the National Commission on Agriculture had made and recommendations in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether these are being followed ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The Government has to import the chemical fertilisers, in varying quantities, to meet the gap between indigenous production and the growing demand.

(b) Efforts are directed towards utilisation of all types of organic waste, to the extent possible, for use as manure. Two mechanical compost plants have been set up by the local bodies at Delhi to process the urban waste into manure.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.