

quota items in quota countries, the allotment in the NQE System has been increased from 3% to 10%. In order to encourage exports to non-quota countries of high potential, a portion of NQE is specifically earmarked for certain thrust countries identified for this purpose. This scheme will be applicable for 1992- and 1993. All restrictions on transfer of NQE have been withdrawn except that entitlement once transferred cannot be re-transferred. The base period of NQE System has also been brought at par with the base period in PPE System. The stipulation of the minimum export performance during the base period has been increased from Rs. 20 lakhs to Rs. 30 lakhs.

### Hike in Price of Imported Edible Oils

873. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the price of imported edible oils; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH) : (a) and (b). The issue prices of the imported edible oil for Public Distribution System have been increased with effect from 26.1.1991 as indicated below:-

Oil in loose	Rs. 13,150/- PMT	Rs. 16,500/- PMT
Oil in 15 kg tins	Rs. 14,500/- PMT	Rs. 19,000/- PMT

[English]

### High Level Meeting on Youths

874. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level meeting to involve youth in national building activities and providing them employment opportunities has been held at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed in this meeting;

(c) whether any programme has been drawn up to implement the decisions taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDEY): (a) The first meeting of the National Youth Council was held in New Delhi on 11-12 February, 1991.

(b) The principal issues discussed by the two Working Groups of the Council are as follows:

(i) Right to Education,

(ii) Programmes for the development of youth,

(iii) Employment,

(iv) Awareness raising among youth,

(v) Health awareness,