

(c) whether the Government propose to place all orders for big machines used in public sector units with this factory so as to save it from closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. At present, the order book position of the Company is satisfactory.

(c) All efforts are being made to procure further orders from the Steel/Coal/Mining and other core sector industries.

[English]

Fair Price Shops run by Kendriya Bhandar

1051. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar is running the Fair Price Shops properly and effectively;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Union Government, Department of

Food and Supplies of Delhi Administration and the Kendriya Bhandar in the matter during the last one year and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether in the month of September, 1991, a large number of card-holders were deprived of the quota of wheat;

(e) if so, the details of the supplies received by the Fair Price Shops of the Bhandar during the last three months; and

(f) the steps taken to revamp the public distribution system of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Delhi Administration has indicated that their working is satisfactory.

(c) Seven complaints were received by Delhi Administration/Kendriya Bhandar. All complaints were looked into and corrective steps taken wherever necessary.

(d) and (e). Information was obtained through Delhi Administration Details of supply of PDS wheat of 34 Fair Price Shops run by Kendriya Bhandar are as under:-

<i>Month</i> 1991	<i>Total requirement</i> <i>as per food cards</i>	<i>Qty.</i> <i>Supplied</i>	<i>Closing</i> <i>balance</i>
August	4060	3454	1113
September	4715	3110	721
October	5435	3500	1161

Thus, there was sufficient quantity of wheat in the shops. The U.T.Admn. has also indicated that no complaint from any card-holder has been received regarding his quota of what being denied to him.

(f) Monitoring of the supply of ration items has been strengthened.

Operation of IBM Group

1052. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IBM has since been permitted to resume operations in India in partnership with the Tata Group and