

Supply of Vegetable Ghee in Delhi

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of vegetable ghee in Delhi have been fixed in consultation with the vanaspati ghee manufacturers ;

(b) if so, the new prices fixed ;

(c) efforts proposed to be made to ensure adequate availability of vanaspati ghee in the open market ;

(d) whether in the past the ration card holders could obtain one big tin of vanaspati ghee per month for their actual use ;

(e) whether this facility has been withdrawn by the Delhi Administration ; if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(f) whether Government proposed to restore the facility to the people of Delhi and if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) As a result of the discussions held with the two Associations of Vanaspati Manufacturers, a voluntary price agreement is being observed by the industry.

(b) Presently, the maximum retail prices (excluding local taxes) of various packs have been fixed as follow :

<i>(in Rupees)</i>	
Packs	Maximum Retail Prices
20 kg. tin	318.00
15 kg. tin	244.50
10 kg. tin	171.60
10 kg. poly jar	169.10
5 kg. tin	90.00
5 kg. poly jar	87.20
2 kg. tin	39.00
2 kg. poly jar	37.00
1 kg. poly jar	18.75
1 kg. pouch	16.70
$\frac{1}{2}$ kg. pouch	8.60

(c) To ensure availability of vanaspati ghee in the open market, Government is monitoring vanaspati production and has fixed uniform maximum retail price throughout the country. In addition, State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been advised that they can procure about 30% of vanaspati produced in their respective jurisdiction to sell through State Government nominees or through Public Distribution System.

The Union Territory Administration, Delhi has made arrangements for sale of vanaspati ghee through all branches of Super Bazar, Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Store, Kendriya Bhandar, Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation. The product is also sold through mobile vans in the Government colonies and colonies inhabited by the weaker section of the society.

(d) to (f). According to Delhi Administration, the facility for supply of one tin of vanaspati per month to the ration card holders was discontinued in April, 1984, due to mal-practices by wholesalers.

Storage Capacity of FCI

3066. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India ;

(b) what efforts have been made to increase the storage capacity ; and

(c) whether it is proposed to export the surplus quantity of foodgrains ; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) The covered storage capacity with the Food Corporation of India, owned and hired taken together, was 192.6 lakh tonnes as on 31.12.1984.

(b) The capacity available with the Corporation, both owned and hired, has increased from 161.8 lakh tonnes as on