

The Ministry of Food Processing Industry is providing assistance for setting up of training centres in rural areas, fruit and vegetable processing units, establishment of infrastructure for mushrooms, generic advertising on processed foods and for marketing.

Production Cost Price of Wheat/Rice

5929. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the national average production cost price of wheat and rice as compared to the support price declared by the Union Government during each of the last five years; and

(b) the measures adopted by the Union Government to provide relief to the farmers in the agriculture production?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The national average production cost of crops including that of wheat and rice is not being worked out. However, the cost of production of paddy and wheat in a few major growing States as projected by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in its various reports is given at the enclosed Statement-I. The minimum support price fixed by the Government for the country during the last five years is provided in the enclosed Statement-II.

(b) In order to raise agricultural production in the country, the Government is providing various incentives to the farmers including provision of inputs at reasonable prices such as fertilizers, seeds, power etc., extension support for the transfer of technology, credit and market support besides remunerative prices.

Statement-I

Cost of Production (C3)*

| State | (Rs. per quintal) | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
| <i>Paddy</i> | | | | | |
| Punjab | 243 | 292 | 281 | 329 | 358 |
| Haryana | 282 | 349 | 390 | 382 | - |
| Madhya Pradesh | - | - | 416 | 488 | - |
| <i>Wheat</i> | | | | | |
| Punjab | 250 | 293 | - | 353 | 369 |
| Haryana | 241 | 245 | 274 | - | 338 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 393 | 442 | - | 454 | 513 |

* Inclusive of valuation of labour at Statutory Minimum Wage Rate or actual wage rate whichever is higher and evaluation of managerial input at 10% of the total cost.

Statement-II Minimum Support Prices

(Rs. per quintal)

| Year | Paddy | | | Wheat |
|---------|--------|------|-----------|--------|
| | Common | Fine | Superfine | |
| 1992-93 | 270 | 280 | 290 | 330** |
| 1993-94 | 310 | 330 | 350 | 350 |
| 1994-95 | 340 | 360 | 380 | 360 |
| 1995-96 | 360 | 375 | 395 | 380 |
| 1996-97 | 380 | 395 | 415 | 475*** |

** Includes a Central bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal.

*** Includes a Central bonus of Rs. 80 per quintal.

[English]

Storage Facilities in Rajasthan

5930. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :
SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present storage facilities in Rajasthan are sufficient to the need of the people in the State;

(b) if so, the location and capacity of godowns in the State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The storage capacity available with FCI, CWC and Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation as on 1.2.1997 together with their percentage utilisation is given below:

| Organisation | Total Capacity available (in lakh tonnes) | %age utilisation |
|---|--|------------------|
| F.C.I. | 11.77 | 50% |
| C.W.C. | 1.66 | 57% |
| Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation | 5.07 | 38% |

Therefore, at present, there is adequate capacity available with these 3 organisations in the public sector.

(b) Statements I, II, III and IV indicating the location and capacity of godowns in respect of FCI, CWC and Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation are enclosed.

(c) and (d) At macro level, FCI has sufficient storage capacity to meet the requirements of Rajasthan State. However, it has delegated powers to its field officers to hire additional storage capacity as per their requirements as and when need arises.

CWC is planning to construct its godowns at the following places:

Sikar 5000 MTs.

Kota - 6300 MTs.

Bikaner (additional) - 5000 MTs.

Tarawara Jheel - 5000 MTs.

Rajasthan SWC has also proposals under its consideration to set up capacities at the following places:

Bewar - 1800 MTs.

Jaisalmer - 1800 MTs.

Nagaur - 3600 MTs.

Pali - 1800 MTs.

Sumerpur - 1800 MTs.

Statement-I

The storage capacity (covered) (owned & hired) available with F.C.I. in Rajasthan State as on 1.2.97

(Fig. in '000' Tonnes)

| Name of the FCI District | Name of the Revenue Distt. | Name of the Centre | Storage Capacity | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| | | | Owned | Hired | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Alwar | Alwar | Alwar | 13.34 | - | 13.34 |
| | | Kherli | 13.40 | - | 13.40 |
| -do- | Bharatpur | Bharatpur | 12.31 | - | 12.31 |
| -do- | Dholpur | Dholpur | 11.67 | 35.00Pvt. | 46.67 |
| Bikaner | Bikaner | Bikaner | 21.08 | 2.64CWC | 23.72 |
| | | Deshnoke | - | 5.00Pvt. | 5.00 |
| | | Nokha | - | 17.50Pvt. | 17.50 |
| -do- | Churu | Churu | 12.45 | - | 12.45 |
| | | Sadulpur | 10.12 | - | 10.12 |
| | | Sujangarh | 8.87 | - | 8.87 |
| -do- | Jhunjhunu | Baggar | - | 5.00Pvt. | 5.00 |
| | | Jhunjhunu | 13.56 | - | 13.56 |
| | | Makhar | - | 10.00Pvt. | 10.00 |
| Jaipur | Dausa | Bandikui | 19.42 | - | 19.42 |
| -do- | Jaipur | Gandhinagar | 26.78 | - | 26.78 |
| -do- | Sikar | Sikar | 13.34 | - | 13.34 |
| -do- | Tonk | Newai | 21.34 | - | 21.34 |
| Jodhpur | Barmer | Barmer | 26.54 | - | 26.54 |
| | Jaisalmer | Pokran | 15.00 | - | 15.00 |
| -do- | Jaisalmer | Jaisalmer | - | 2.25SWC | 21.25 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Jodhpur | Jalore | Jalore | 12.92 | - | 12.92 |
| -do- | Bhirmal | Bhirmal | - | 1.00SWC | 1.00 |
| -do- | Jodhpur | Jodhpur | 32.78 | - | 32.78 |
| | | Phaldoi | - | 2.00SWC | 2.00 |
| Kota | Bundi | Bundi | 15.00 | - | 15.00 |
| | | Keshore Patan | 11.67 | - | 11.67 |
| -do- | Jhalawar | Bhawani Mandi | 10.00 | - | 10.00 |
| -do- | Baran | Baran | 7.50 | - | 7.50 |
| -do- | Kota | Shivpura | 32.18 | - | 32.18 |
| -do- | Sawaimadhopur | Gangapur City | - | 1.63SWC | 1.63 |
| | | Sawai Madhopur | 90.84 | - | 90.84 |
| Sriganganagar | Sriganganagar | Sribijayanagar | 20.65 | 4.00SWC | 24.65 |
| | | Sriganganagar | - | 22.50Pvt. | 22.50 |
| | | -do- (II) (10,00Pvt. + 1-10SWC) | - | 11.10(2) | 11.10 |
| | | Suratgarh | - | 2.30SWC | 2.30 |
| | | Akaopgarh | - | 0.50SWC | 0.50 |
| | | Srikaranpur | - | 0.30SWC | 0.30 |
| | | Kesri Singhpur | - | 0.20SWC | 0.20 |
| -do- | Hanumangarh | Hanumangarh (7.00CWC+15.00Pvt.) | 42.65 | 22.00(2) | 64.65 |
| | | Pillibagan | - | 0.80SWC | 0.80 |
| | | Sangaria | - | 2.50SWC | 2.50 |
| Udaipur | Banswara | Banswara | 10.00 | - | 10.00 |
| -do- | Chittorgarh | Chandera | 19.00 | - | 19.00 |
| -do- | Dungarpur | Dungarpur | - | 1.00Pvt. | 1.00 |
| -do- | Sirohi | Sirohi Road | 12.73 | - | 12.73 |
| -do- | Udaipur | Udaipur | 38.33 | - | 38.33 |
| Ajmer | Ajmer | Ajmer | 42.34 | - | 42.34 |
| | | Beawar | - | 10.00Pvt. | 10.00 |
| | | Kishangarh | 14.42 | - | 14.42 |
| -do- | Bhillwara | Bhilwara | 11.68 | - | 11.68 |
| -do- | Nagaur | Nagaur | 17.90 | 3.54CWC | 21.44 |
| | | Prabatsar | | 28.35Pvt. | 28.35 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------------------|------|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ajmer | Pali | Marwar Jn. | 10.00 | - | 10.00 |
| | | Pali | 15.22 | - | 15.22 |
| Total of Rajasthan | | | 707.03 | 191.11 | 898.14 |

Summary

| Agency | Capacity | Utilisation | No. of Godowns |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| FCI Owned | 707.03 | 45% | 35 |
| Hired From : | | | |
| C.W.C. | 14.28 | 100% | 4 |
| S.W.Cs. | 17.48 | 93% | 11 |
| Pvt. Parties | 159.35 | 60% | 11 |
| Total | 898.14 | 50% | 61 |

Statement-II*The Storage (Cap-Open) Available (Cap) with F.C.I. in Rajasthan as on 1.2.97*

| Name of the FCI District | Name of the Revenue Distt. | Name of the Centre | Storage Capacity | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| | | | Owned | Hired | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Alwar | Alwar | Alwar | 20.12 | - | 20.12 |
| Bikaner | | Bikaner | - | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| | | Deshnoke | - | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| | | Nokha | - | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| -do- | Churu | Sadulpur | 3.50 | - | 3.50 |
| -do- | Sikar | Sikar | 1.80 | - | 1.80 |
| Jodhpur | Barmer | Beotra | - | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| | | Pokran | 5.00 | - | 5.00 |
| -do- | Jodhpur | Jodhpur | 1.20 | 17.50 | 18.70 |
| Kota | Bundi | Bundi | 3.15 | - | 3.15 |
| | | Shivpura | 4.05 | - | 4.05 |
| | | Sawai Madhopur | 50.00 | - | 50.00 |
| Sriganganagar | Sriganganagar | Sriganganagar-I | - | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| | | -do- II | - | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Sriganganagar | Hanumangarh | Hanumangarh | 20.30 | 9.50 | 29.80 |
| | | Sangaria | - | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| | | Hanumangarh (KDIP) | - | 10.00 | 10.00 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---------|-------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Udaipur | Chittorgarh | Chandera | 3.22 | - | 3.22 |
| -do- | Sirohi Road | Koderia | - | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| -do- | Udaipur | Udaipur | 2.10 | - | 2.10 |
| Ajmer | Bhilwara | Bhilwara | 1.35 | - | 1.35 |
| -do- | Nagaur | Deedwana | - | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| | | Meetra Road | - | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Total | | Capacity | 122.15 | 157.00 | 279.15 |
| | | Utilisation | 07% | 15% | 11% |
| | | No. of Godowns | 13 | 13 | 26 |

Statement-III*List of Warehouse of CWC in Rajasthan State as on 1.2.97*

(Figures in MTs.)

| Sl.No. | Name of Centre | Constructed | Hired | Open | Total |
|--------|------------------|-------------|-------|------|--------|
| 1. | Alwar | 0 | 1937 | 0 | 1937 |
| 2. | Bikaner | 5000 | 1570 | 0 | 6570 |
| 3. | Hanumangarh | 20700 | 0 | 0 | 20700 |
| 4. | Jaipur | 0 | 3560 | 0 | 3560 |
| 5. | Jhunjhunu | 0 | 3844 | 0 | 3844 |
| 6. | Kherli Ganj | 0 | 1250 | 0 | 1250 |
| 7. | Kota-I | 28825 | 12854 | 0 | 41679 |
| 8. | Kota-II | 29670 | 0 | 0 | 29670 |
| 9. | Nagaur | 0 | 7401 | 0 | 7401 |
| 10. | Ojhada | 0 | 1604 | 0 | 1604 |
| 11. | Prithvipura | 0 | 3824 | 0 | 3824 |
| 12. | Sikar | 0 | 2229 | 0 | 2229 |
| 13. | Sriganganagar-I | 25200 | 0 | 0 | 25200 |
| 14. | Sriganganagar-II | 10000 | 0 | 0 | 10000 |
| 15. | Srimadhopur | 0 | 5000 | 0 | 5000 |
| 16. | Udaipur | 0 | 1266 | 0 | 1266 |
| Total | | 119395 | 46339 | 0 | 165734 |

Statement-IV**Warehousing Capacity and Utilisation as on 31st January, 1997**

(Figures in MTs.)

| Sl. No. | District | Name of Warehouse | Warehousing Capacity | | | Utilisation including Reservation | Percentage Utilisation |
|---------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Own Constt. | Other than own Constt. | Total | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Ajmer | 1. Ajmer | 4350 | - | 4350 | 757 | 17 |
| | | 2. Beawar | - | 1000 | 1000 | 715 | 72 |
| | | 3. Kekri | 3500 | - | 3500 | 1414 | 40 |
| | | 4. Kishangarh | 5400 | - | 5400 | 2095 | 39 |
| 2. | Alwar | 5. Alwar | 16350 | 0140 | 16490 | 6772 | 41 |
| | | 6. Khairthal | 5600 | - | 5600 | 2516 | 45 |
| 3. | Banswara | 7. Banswara | 3600 | - | 3600 | 891 | 25 |
| 4. | Baran | 8. Baran | 17320 | - | 17320 | 12116 | 70 |
| | | 9. Antah | 7400 | - | 7400 | 1290 | 17 |
| | | 10. Atru | 3600 | - | 3600 | 0792 | 22 |
| 5. | Barmer | 11. Balotra | - | 1000 | 1000 | 0341 | 34 |
| 6. | Bharatpur | 12. Bharatpur | 8500 | 3140 | 11640 | 3404 | 29 |
| | | 13. Bayana | 4700 | - | 4700 | 1181 | 25 |
| | | 14. Nadbai | 5600 | - | 5600 | 1324 | 24 |
| 7. | Bhiwara | 15. Bhilwara | 7850 | - | 7850 | 3610 | 24 |
| | | 16. Gulabpura | 5950 | - | 5950 | 969 | 16 |
| | | 17. Mandargarh | 1800 | - | 1800 | 270 | 15 |
| 8. | Bikaner | 18. Khajuwala | 3600 | - | 3600 | 838 | 23 |
| | | 19. Nokha | 1800 | - | 1800 | 1150 | 64 |
| | | 20. Kolayat | 2250 | 0560 | 2810 | 0287 | 10 |
| 9. | Bundi | 21. Bundi | 10820 | - | 10820 | 8555 | 79 |
| | | 22. Kapren | 6750 | - | 6750 | 0379 | 06 |
| | | 23. Keshoraipatan | 5400 | - | 5400 | 0670 | 12 |
| 10. | Chittorgarh | 24. Chittorgarh-I | 6450 | - | 6450 | 0988 | 15 |
| | | 25. Chittorgarh-II | 5400 | - | 5400 | 2743 | 51 |
| | | 26. Nimbahera | 4050 | 1000 | 5050 | 4799 | 95 |
| | | 27. Pratapgarh | 3600 | 1000 | 4600 | 2349 | 51 |
| 11. | Churu | - | - | - | - | - | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 12. | Dausa | 28. Dausa | 7120 | - | 7120 | 2148 | 30 |
| | | 29. Bandikui | 1620 | - | 1620 | 0364 | 22 |
| | | 30. Lalsot | - | 1620 | 1620 | 1031 | 64 |
| | | 31. M.M.Road | 1320 | 0360 | 1680 | 956 | 57 |
| 13. | Dholpur | 32. Dholpur | 3350 | 0650 | 4000 | 1339 | 33 |
| 14. | Dungarpur | 33. Dungarpur | 5100 | - | 5100 | 1650 | 32 |
| 15. | Hanumangarh | 34. Bhadra | 2000 | - | 2000 | 230 | 12 |
| | | 35. Dabilratha | 5400 | - | 5400 | 0008 | 00 |
| | | 36. Goluwala | 5400 | - | 5400 | 848 | 16 |
| | | 37. Nohar | 3800 | - | 3800 | 926 | 24 |
| | | 38. Pilibangan | 17750 | - | 17750 | 2967 | 17 |
| | | 39. Rawatsar | 6750 | - | 6750 | 470 | 07 |
| | | 40. Sangaria | 7760 | - | 7760 | 4365 | 56 |
| 16. | Jaipur | 41. Jaipur (BG) | 13430 | 2700 | 16130 | 13399 | 83 |
| | | 42. Jaipur (DGP) | - | 6000 | 6000 | 2273 | 33 |
| | | 43. Jaipur (JTH) | - | 2850 | 2850 | 1309 | 46 |
| | | 44. Chomu | 1580 | 0610 | 2190 | 1330 | 61 |
| 17. | Jaisalmer | 45. Jaisalmer | 6750 | - | 6750 | 9011 | 133 |
| 18. | Jalore | 46. Bhinmal | 4850 | 0150 | 5000 | 3920 | 78 |
| 19. | Jhalawar | 47. Jhalrapatan | 5400 | - | 5400 | 3138 | 58 |
| | | 48. Bhawanimandi | 4500 | - | 4500 | 2472 | 55 |
| 20. | Jhunjhunu | - | | | | | |
| 21. | Jodhpur | 49. Jodhpur | 8250 | - | 8250 | 4260 | 52 |
| | | 50. Bilara | - | 1030 | 1030 | 759 | 74 |
| | | 51. Phalodi | 3600 | - | 3600 | 2319 | 64 |
| | | 52. Itawa | 4400 | - | 4400 | 971 | 22 |
| 22. | Kota | 53. Ramganjamandi | 8300 | - | 8300 | 5650 | 68 |
| | | 54. Sultanpur | 3600 | - | 3600 | 856 | 24 |
| 23. | Nagaur | 55. Mertacity | 3600 | 4830 | 8430 | 4561 | 54 |
| 24. | Pali | 56. Pali | 6050 | - | 6050 | 2417 | 40 |
| | | 57. Sojat Road | 1800 | - | 1800 | 516 | 29 |
| | | 58. Sumerpur | 10800 | 7270 | 18070 | 3244 | 48 |
| 25. | Rajsamand | 59. Rajsamand | 1800 | - | 1800 | 466 | 26 |
| 26. | Sawaimadhopur | 60. Sawaimadhopur | 5140 | - | 5140 | 1686 | 33 |
| | | 61. Gangapur city | 6890 | 0540 | 7430 | 3134 | 42 |
| | | 62. Hindaun city | 3120 | 0340 | 3460 | 948 | 27 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|----|
| 27. | Sikar | | | | | | |
| 28. | Sirohi | 63. Abu Road | 2700 | 0600 | 3300 | 923 | 28 |
| 29. | Sriganganagar | 64. Anoopgarh | 17400 | - | 17400 | 2541 | 15 |
| | | 65. Gharsana | 10700 | - | 10700 | 2436 | 23 |
| | | 66. Gajsinghpur | 8200 | - | 8200 | 1562 | 19 |
| | | 67. Kesrisinghpur | 8100 | - | 8100 | 1605 | 20 |
| | | 68. Padampur | 9450 | - | 9450 | 2533 | 27 |
| | | 69. Raisinghnagar | 15050 | - | 15050 | 2336 | 15 |
| | | 70. Sadulsahar | 10100 | - | 10100 | 2803 | 28 |
| | | 71. Rawla | 3600 | - | 3600 | 1094 | 30 |
| | | 72. Srikanpur | 10800 | - | 10800 | 1718 | 16 |
| | | 73. Srivijainagar | - | 7720 | 7720 | 5150 | 67 |
| | | 74. Suratgarh | 18900 | - | 18900 | 4192 | 22 |
| 30. | Tonk | 75. Tonk | 1400 | - | 1400 | 837 | 80 |
| | | 76. Newai | 2000 | - | 2000 | 400 | 20 |
| 31. | Udaipur | 77. Udaipur | 13500 | 0950 | 14450 | 7788 | 51 |
| | | 78. Fatehnagar | 6200 | - | 6200 | 5251 | 85 |
| Total | | | 460970 | 46060 | 507030 | 192330 | 38 |

Warehousing Capacity and Number of Godowns

| | No. of Godowns | Warehousing Capacity (in MTs) | Utilisation of Warehousing Capacity (in MTs) | Percentage |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|------------|
| 1. Own Constructed | 231 | 4,60,970 | 1,70,707 | 37 |
| 2. OTHER THAN OWN CONSTRUCTED | | | | |
| (a) Transferred from PWD | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Hired from KUMS/PWD/Govt./Corpn. | 25 | 19,450 | 9,179 | 47 |
| (c) Private | 28 | 26,610 | 12,444 | 47 |
| Total (a+b+c) | 53 | 46,060 | 21,623 | 47 |
| Total | 284 | 5,07,030 | 1,92,330 | 38 |

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| A. Warehousing Capacity | 5.07 | |
| B. Capacity Utilisation | 1.92 | |
| C. Percentage Utilisation | 1.38 | |
| A. Govt. Deptt. (Undertaking other than FCI) | 76775 | 40.0 |
| B. Cooperative | 54554 | 28.0 |
| C. FCI | 18854 | 10.0 |
| D. Traders | 40036 | 21.0 |
| E. Producers | 2111 | 01.0 |
| Total | 192330 | 100.0 |

D. Godown Under Constt. January, 1997.

| S.No. | Place | Capacity(in MTs) | Date of Starting |
|-------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Bhawanimandi | 1000 | 11.7.96 |
| 2. | Sumerpur | 900 | 16.4.96 |
| 3. | Bilara | 2700 | 11.7.96 |
| 4. | Nagaur | 1800 | 6.11.96 |
| 5. | Mertacity | 1800 | 11.7.96 |
| 6. | Tonk | 1800 | 11.7.96 |
| 7. | Nimbahera | 1800 | 23.9.96 |
| 8. | Siswali | 1800 | 14.10.96 |
| 9. | Mertacity | 1800 | 7.10.96 |
| 10. | Neem-Ka-Thana | 3600 | 3.10.96 |
| Total | | 19000 | |

Wage Revision

5931. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FCI had approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the wage revision for FCI employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry have refused to accept that MOU and has suggested some cuts and amendments to that proposal;

(d) the details thereof;

(e) whether the Unions of workers have decided to accept the stand of his Ministry; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to save the situation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The MOU covers the wage proposals for category III & IV employees on IDA pattern for the period from 1.2.1992 to 31.12.1996, costing around Rs. 315 crores for the entire period of settlement.

(c) The Ministry has approved the MOU with certain minor amendments.

(d) The amendments made by the Government relate to certain allowances and perks.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The Unions of workers of FCI have already signed on 6.5.1997 a Memorandum of Settlement in respect of undisputed items of the wage revision proposal with the management.

[Translation]

Cost of Production of Sugar

5932. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether on account of slight variation of sugar prices in international market Indian sugar goes out of the competition;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether due to present levying of tax on sugar, its price has increased in the country;

(d) if so, the estimated percentage of taxes and raw material in the cost of production of sugar; and

(e) the measures to be taken by the Government to bring down the prices of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The export of sugar depends upon a host of factors including international sugar prices.

(c) and (d) There is no increase in the taxes on sugar presently. Components of all-India average ex-factory price per quintal of levy sugar for 1996-97 are Cane cost Rs. 597.42, Conversion cost Rs. 275.83 and Return Rs. 128.02 totalling Rs. 1000.77. The post factory taxes are (i) Central excise duty on levy sugar Rs. 38 per quintal, on levy free sugar Rs. 71 per quintal and (ii) Sugar cess Rs. 14 per quintal (export exempted).

(e) Government keeps check on prices of sugar by judicious releases every month.

[English]

Foodgrains Stock in Madhya Pradesh

5933. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the present foodgrains stock in the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Madhya Pradesh as compared to the stocks of last two years; and

(b) the target fixed for stocking foodgrains in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The stock position of wheat and rice in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Madhya Pradesh as on 1.4.1997 as compared to 1.4.1996 and 1.4.1995 are as under :

(In lakh tonnes)

| As on | Wheat | Rice | Total |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1.4.97(P) | 0.46 | 6.06 | 6.52 |
| 1.4.96(P) | 1.65 | 8.42 | 10.07 |
| 1.4.95(P) | 2.60 | 10.79 | 13.39 |

(P) - Provisional.