

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Delhi Administration has reported that the matter has been taken up for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting of the Regional Council for North Zone. Consistent with the need to maintain the distributive character of Delhi's trade, the Delhi Administration is inclined to have uniformity in sales tax rates in the North Zone to the extent possible.

Increase in Prices of Edible oils

1233. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board have increased the prices of edible oils;

(b) if so, the number of time the prices were increased during the last one year, brand-wise;

(c) the financial assistance/subsidy given to NDDDB by the Union Government during the last year;

(d) whether the Union Government exercise any control over NDDDB with regard to fixation of prices of edible oils; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the number of times the prices were increased during the last one year are enclosed in the statement.

(c) No financial assistance/subsidy was given to NDDDB by the Union Government during the last year for NDDDB's activities in the oilseeds/ edible oil sector.

(d) and (e) NDDDB has been given full functional autonomy under the terms and conditions of market intervention operations approved by Government of India in April, 1989.

STATEMENT

1 Litre Dhara Refined Mustard Oil

<i>Date of Revision</i>	<i>Previous Price (Rs.)</i>	<i>Revised Price (Rs.)</i>
29-10-90	24.50	26.00
01-01-91	26.00	28.00
13-06-91	28.00	31.00

200 ml Dhara Refined Mustard Oil

The 200 ml pack was launched in September, 1990. The first price revision was on 13-6-91, when the launch price of Rs. 5.50 was revised to Rs. 6.00 per pack.

5 Kg. Refined Mustard Oil

<i>Date of Revision</i>	<i>Previous Price (Rs.)</i>	<i>Revised Price (Rs.)</i>
29-10-90	133.00	150.00
25-3-91	150.00	165.00

1 Litre Dhara Double Filtered Groundnut Oil

<i>Date of Revision</i>	<i>Previous Price (Rs.)</i>	<i>Revised Price (Rs.)</i>
29-10-90	27.00	29.00
01-01-91	29.00	32.00
18-2-91	32.00	35.00
13-6-91	35.00	39.00

5 Kg. Dhara Double Filtered Groundnut Oil

<i>Date of Revision</i>	<i>Previous Price (Rs.)</i>	<i>Revised Price (Rs.)</i>
29-10-90	155.00	170.00*
01-01-91	170.00	190.00*
25-3-91	190.00	220.00*

*Maximum retail price in Maharashtra was Rs. 5.00 more per pack than the indicated Gujarat maximum retail price.

1 Litre Dhara Refined Groundnut Oil

<i>Date of Revision</i>	<i>Previous Price (Rs.)</i>	<i>Revised Price (Rs.)</i>
29-10-90	31.50	34.00
01-01-91	31.50	34.00
15-5-91	38.00	47.00

500 ml. Dhara Double Filtered Mustard Oil

500 ml. Dhara Double Filtered Mustard Oil was launched in Calcutta in December, 1990 with the maximum retail price of Rs. 14.00 per pack. This price has not been revised.

Agricultural Production in Eastern States

1234. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

SHRI BHAGEY GOBAR-DHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per acre yield of paddy during 1990-91 State-wise;

(b) whether the foodgrains yield in the Eastern States has been stagnant as compared to the Western States during the last decade; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reduce the disparity between the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement giving per hectare yield of rice (in kgs.) during 1990-91 State-wise is enclosed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For increasing production and productivity of rice in the Eastern States which is a major foodgrains crop