

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

[English]

Sixty-ninth, Seventy-Fourth and Seventy-Eighth Reports

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY (Kurnool) :
I beg to present the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee :

- (1) Sixty-ninth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their 204th Report (Seventh Lok Sabha) relating to mistakes in the allowance of contributions to Provident Funds.
- (2) Seventy-fourth Report on Excessive Procurement of Cameras—Inadequate utilisation.
- (3) Seventy-eighth Report on Reliefs and Refunds.

12.16 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

[English]

Twenty-First Report and Minutes

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : (Krishnagiri) : I beg to present the Twenty-First Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Public Undertakings on Indian Petro-Chemicals Corporation Limited—Working Results and Minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

PETITION RE. TAKEOVER OF PRIVATE BANKS, NATIONALISATION OF FOREIGN BANKS ETC.

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) : I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Tarakeswar Chakraborti, General Secretary and other office bearers of

All India Bank Employees Association, Calcutta, regarding take over of private banks, nationalisation of foreign banks and taking steps for attainment of the objectives of nationalisation.

It is also signed by three million people.

12 17 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. INCREASE IN ISSUE PRICE OF WHEAT THROUGH PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND OTHER SCHEMES

[English]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : Sir, the Central Government fixes the issue price of wheat for distribution under the Public Distribution System and other related schemes. Consequent upon increase in the support/procurement price of wheat from the existing level of Rs. 162 per qtl. to Rs. 166 per qtl. from 1st April, 1987, the Government have decided to increase the Central issue price of wheat by Rs. 5 per qtl. from 1st May, 1987. The revised issue prices of wheat will be as follows :

- (i) For the Public Distribution System, the Central issue price will be Rs. 195 per qtl. instead of the existing price of Rs. 190 per qtl.
- (ii) For the ITDP areas and tribal majority States, the Central issue price will be Rs. 130 per qtl. and the consumer price Rs. 155 per qtl. against the existing price of Rs. 125 and Rs. 150 per quintal respectively.
- (iii) The price of wheat under the Open Market Sales will be Rs. 210 per qtl. as against the existing price of Rs. 205 per qtl.

All these prices will be effective from 1st of May, 1987.