

<i>Year</i>	<i>Grants released</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
1986-87	7.00 "	8.50 "
1987-88	7.00 "	9.60 "
1988-89	5.00 "	14.34 "
1989-90	5.00 "	7.74 "
		upto 28.2.90

Hike in Price of Sugar and edible Oils

indicated below:—

404. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY:**SHRI P.C. THOMAS:****SHRI C.D. GAMIT:****PROF. K.V. THOMAS:****SHRI KALP NATH RAI:****PROF P.J. KURIEN:****SHRI T. BASHEER:**Wheat: from Rs. 204 to Rs. 234
per qul. w.e.f. 1.5.1990Rice: Common variety
from Rs. 244 to Rs. 289 per qtl.Fine variety
from Rs. 304 to Rs. 349 per qtl.Superfine variety
from Rs. 325 to Rs. 370 per qtl.Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES be pleased to state:(a) whether the prices of sugar, edible
oils and other consumer items being distrib-
uted through the Public Distribution System
have increased recently,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments
have represented against this hike; and(d) if so, the reaction of Union Govern-
ment thereto?The increase in rice prices was made
with effect from 25.6.1990. No increase in
the prices of other PDS items like sugar,
imported edible oils and kerosene have been
made recently.(c) and (d). Government of West Ben-
gal has represented against the hike in the
prices of wheat and rice. The issue price of
these two items have been revised consid-
ering the increase in the support price of wheat
and paddy and the need to contain food
subsidy. The issue prices fixed by the Gov-
ernment do not cover the entire economic
cost, and a huge financial burden in the
shape of food subsidy is borne by the Gov-
ernment. Hence, the representation could
not be accepted.THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES
(SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b).
The Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice
supplied through Public Distribution System
(PDS) have been increased recently as