

(a) whether the coal meant for N.T.C. mills is being sold in the black market;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check it; and

(c) the loss incurred by N.T.C. mills as the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

#### **Procurement of Foodgrains**

10041. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO  
BRAHMBHATT:  
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJES-  
WARI:

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

(a) whether the food situation is likely to be comfortable during 1990-91;

(b) if so, whether the kharif procurement so far have achieved better results;

(c) whether adequate measures have

been taken to see that the problem of storage for the procured rice and wheat does not arise in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent the preservation of food has been made in view of the bumper crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAMPUJAN PATEL): (a) to (d). As on 1st April, 1990, the total stocks of rice and wheat available with the public agencies were 7.91 and 3.65 million tonnes as against the requirement of 9.40 and 7.10 million tonnes, respectively, under the Buffer Stocking Policy. During 1989-90 kharif marketing season, a total quantity of 110.81 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) has been procured till 21st May, 1990, as against 73.17 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period in 1988-89 season. The total procurement of wheat during the current rabi marketing season 1990-91 has touched 91.43 lakh tonnes as on 21st May, 1990 as against 74.93 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period in 1989-90 rabi marketing season. In view of the record procurement of rice and wheat during the current kharif and rabi marketing seasons, the food situation is likely to be comfortable during 1990-91.

The existing storage capacity available with FCI as on 1.4.90 and its utilisation was as under:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

	Covered Capacity	Stocks	Percentage utilisation
Owned	119.35	90.59	51.71%
Hired	56.52		
	<u>175.87</u>		

*(Figures in lakh tonnes)*

<i>Covered Capacity</i>		<i>Stocks</i>	<i>Percentage utilisation</i>
<b>CAP Capacity</b>			
<b>Owned</b>	10.73		
<b>Hired</b>	10.14	6.21	29.77%
	20.87		
<b>Grand Total</b>	196.74	96.80	49.39

An additional capacity of 8.23 lakh tonnes has been planned for construction during the 8th Five Year Plan; 4.23 lakh tonnes by FCI and 2.0 lakh tonnes each storage capacity for storage and preservation of foodgrains in stock at present as well as being procured during the current kharif and rabi marketing seasons.

**Study Regarding Availability of Different Varieties of Fish in E.E.Z.**

10042. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on the availability of various kinds of fish available in the deep sea under Exclusive Economic Zone of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the availability/production of fish in the deep sea areas; and

(d) the programme drawn up for its export during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-

DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Fishery Survey of India has done extensive survey of demersal resources and oceanic tuna resources in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. Extensive survey of deep swimming oceanic tuna resources was conducted along South West and lower East coasts. Moreover experimental survey has also been conducted for squids by jigging.

(c) The following important steps have been taken to increase the production of fish from the deep sea areas:—

- (i) Introduction of deep sea fishing vessels through import and indigenous construction.
- (ii) Allowing operation of foreign fishing vessels on charter by the Indian companies.
- (iii) Allowing joint ventures in deep sea fishing, processing and marketing.

(d) The programme drawn up for export during the Eighth Plan are:—

- (i) Stepping up of export production by development of capture fisheries.