

[English]

Loss Incurred on supply of levy Sugar

983. DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are incurring heavy losses in supplying levy sugar through Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the reasons for this loss; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check this loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) to (c). The Government is supplying levy sugar through the Public Distribution System at a uniform retail price of Rs. 5.25 per kg. throughout the country. This price has been in effect since 1.1. 1989 and has not been revised upward since then in keeping with the increase in the ex-factory prices of levy sugar. Losses are being incurred on account of this non-revision. The matter is presently under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

F.C.I. Godowns In Laddakh region

984. MOHD. HASSAN COMMANDER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of F.C.I. godowns functioning in the Laddakh zone;

(b) the names of the places (cities and villages) under this zone, where godowns have not been provided so far;

(c) the specific reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Government propose to provide godowns at these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) to (d). At present, Food Corporation of India is not operating any godown at any place in the Laddakh region. However, two godowns with a capacity of 2,500 tonnes each are in the processing of being constructed in that region- one at Leh and the other at Kargil. These godowns are expected to be completed during 1991.

Navodaya Vidyalyayas In Kashmir Valley

985. SHRI PIYARE LAL HANDOO: Will the THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build Navodaya Vidyalyayas in the district of Anantnagh and Pulwama in Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in regard to construction of the buildings?

THE THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJ MANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b). Navodaya Vidyalyayas have already been opened in districts Anantnagh and Phulwama at Aishmuquam and Agglar respectively.

(c) Construction work for Navodaya Vidyalyaya, Anantnagh has started. Construction work in Navodaya Vidyalyaya, Phulwama has not started.

Re-oriented P.D.S.

986. SHRI ANIL BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the re-oriented Public Distribution System even low paid government employees and wage earners are deprived of the benefits of the system; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this change in the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b). There is no change in Government's policy on PDS so far. The Government does not intend to reduce the number of beneficiaries of the System so far as weaker sections of the population are concerned.

Supply of Essential Commodities to Nagaland

987. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly allocation quota of wheat,

rice and other essential commodities for public distribution in the State of Nagaland.

(b) whether the full supply in regard thereto has been made, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of demand, supply and off-take of essential items during the months of June to October, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (c). A Statement showing the demand, allocation and off-take during June, 1990 to October, 1990 by Nagaland is attached, commodity-wise.

(b) The central allocations of PDS items are made taking into account availability of stocks in central pool market availability, past off-take and other related factors. The Central allocations are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the full requirements of the States/ UTs.