

to know whether its present price is likely to come down or it will remain stable in near future.

[English]

SHRI BUTA SINGH Sir, it is an on-going process. Edible oil is imported as and when the need is felt to bridge the gap between supply and demand. Therefore, if the hon. Member wants to know the precise quantity imported by Government at any particular time, I am prepared to give the figure.

So far as the question of mustard oil is concerned, most of the States, specially the States in the eastern sector use mustard oil as such, as edible oil. Therefore, there is no question of forcing other States to use mustard oil. People are free to use it and this is being done by the States concerned. We have no objection to it.

MR SPEAKER Question Hour is over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rice and Wheat

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state—

(a) whether the production of rice and wheat in States of the North Eastern region has declined during the last three years,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the production of these two commodities is enough to meet the requirements of these States,

(d) if so, the quantity required to meet domestic demand of these States during the above period, State-wise, and

(e) the details of schemes being implemented in these States to make them self sufficient in the production of rice and wheat?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) and (b). Production of rice in the States of North Eastern region as a whole has not declined during the last three years. Some decline in rice production has been recorded in the States of Meghalaya and Tripura during this period which may be attributed to unfavourable weather conditions. However, wheat is not a significant crop of this region. State-wise production of rice and wheat in North Eastern region is given in the Statement-I enclosed.

(c) The production of rice and wheat in the States of North Eastern region is not enough to meet the requirement of these States.

(d) The requirement of rice and wheat as reflected by demand made by the North Eastern States under Public Distribution System (PDS) from the central pool during the last three years i.e. 1992, 1993 and 1994 is given in the Statement-II enclosed.

(e) For increasing production and productivity of Cereal Crops (rice, wheat and coarse cereal) in North Eastern Region, a Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP - Rice)" is being continued. Programme components under the scheme include organisation of field demonstrations and farmers' trainings for effective transfer of technology. Under the scheme, provision is also there to provide incentive to the farmers on use of location specific high yielding variety seeds and identified farm implements. Efforts through the scheme also include making available certified seeds of rice varieties specific to problem areas, seeds of green manuring crops and soil ameliorants for improving soil health etc.

STATEMENT-I

Production of Rice and Wheat in North Eastern States During 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94

(In '000' tonnes)

State	Rice				Wheat			
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Arunachal Pradesh	142.5	143.1	116.9	144.0	6.7	6.8	6.4	8.5
Assam	3270.2	3197.2	3299.7	3361.1	114.8	111.2	78.7	100.8
Manipur	274.2	340.5	269.3	348.8	-	-	-	-
Meghalaya	119.8	121.1	114.0	114.0	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.2
Mizoram	63.8	71.0	84.0	96.7	-	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nagaland	152.2	154.0	176.0	180.0	1.3	1.6	0.3	1.0
Tripura	501.3	474.5	438.1	438.1	6.9	4.7	9.1	9.1
Total	4524.0	4501.4	4498.0	4682.7	135.6	129.9	100.7	125.6
North Eastern States								

STATEMENT-II

Demand of Rice and Wheat Under PDS System in North-Eastern States

(In '000' tonnes)

State	Rice			Wheat		
	1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994
Arunachal Pradesh	96.0	109.6	103.2	12.0	14.0	24.9
Assam	768.0	762.0	470.8	504.0	504.0	328.0
Manipur	111.0	146.0	120.0	36.0	37.7	32.4
Meghalaya	180.0	185.0	230.5	46.8	47.1	41.0
Mizoram	96.0	116.5	130.6	17.5	18.2	26.0
Nagaland	161.0	139.2	92.0	94.4	63.9	73.2
Tripura	198.2	194.4	194.4	30.4	31.5	34.8
Total	1610.2	1652.7	1341.5	741.1	716.4	560.3

Loss Due to Floods

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether devastating floods played havoc during 1994 in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the names of districts in each State which have been mostly affected;

(c) the extent of State-wise damage caused by the floods;

(d) the details of special assistance, if any, provided by the Government to the affected States particularly to Assam during 1994; and

(e) the details of other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) (a) to (e) According to the reports received from the State Governments, parts of 258 districts in 18 States were affected by heavy rains and floods during the South West Monsoon, 1994. 42 districts in 3 States and one Union Territory were affected by cyclone/floods in October/November, 1994. Extent of State-wise damage is given in the enclosed Statement-I and II. The list of affected districts is given in the enclosed Statement-III and IV.

2 Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the State Governments undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities utilising the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The Central share of CRF released to the flood affected States during 1994-95 is given in the enclosed Statement-V.

STATEMENT-I

Damage due to Heavy Rains, Floods etc during South-West Monsoon, 1994

S.No.	State	Districts affected (No.)	Damage to crop area (in lakh ha.)	Damage to Houses (No.)	Human Lives Lost (No.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	0.13	1190	8
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	8	0.01	14	18