

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 1991, will now be held on 29th September, 1991.

(c) All possible measures are being taken by the Union Public Service Commission for the smooth conduct of the examination. Necessary assistance from the State Govts. and Union Territory Administrations has also been sought by the Commission in this connection.

Shortage of essential commodities in Super Bazar

3678. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of essential commodities in the mobile and the main branch of Super Bazar in Delhi and New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take steps to make essential items available there and thereby improve its standard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, by what time it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Every effort is made by Super Bazar to make available and maintain supply line of essential commodities and other commonly demanded items in all the outlets of Super Bazar including mobile vans. Sometimes one or other item may not be available at one outlet or the other due to various reasons such as short supply, non-availability of items with source of procurement i.e. manufacturers/distributors, or the quality available is not approved by the testing laboratory or for certain unavoidable administrative reasons.

Super Bazar has nominated Inspecting Officers to inspect branches periodically, to see that essential commodities and other important items are available in the branches. Super Bazar has recently established a control room in the Headquarters building where the "Stock-out" position are collected from all its outlets and efforts are made to provide the branches the required items as far as possible. A weekly meeting of Senior Officers connected with procurement and sale is held regularly where position relating to stock-out items and their procurement is reviewed.

Retail prices of essential items

3679. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of retail prices of diesel, kerosene, salt, edible oil, bicycle, two-wheeler, scooter, electric bulb, cotton dhoti and saree of 405 count, stove and smokeless chulha for common consumers as in July, 1990 and July, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): A statement showing the retail prices of diesel, kerosene, salt, groundnut oil, mustard oil, vanaspati, two-wheelers, bicycles, scooter, motor cycles, electric bulb, cotton dhoti and saree, stove and chulha, as in July, 1990 and July, 1991 is attached.

STATEMENT

Retail prices of various items at selected Centres

(Rs. per kg/ per piece)

	27-7-1990	26-7-1991	
	1	2	3
DIESEL (Litre)			
Nagpur .	4.62	6.23	
Madras .	4.36	5.42	
Lucknow .	4.48	5.46	
Hyderabad .	4.69	5.76	
Calcutta .	4.20	5.21	

	1	2	3
KEROSENE (Litre)			
Delhi	2.25		2.77
Bombay	2.17		2.66
		(26-3-91)	
Madras	2.40		2.95
Calcutta	2.29		2.90
Lucknow	2.52		3.09
SALT (packed) 25-7-90 31-7-91			
Delhi	2.00		2.50
Patna	2.00		2.25
Bombay	2.00		2.00
Madras	2.00		2.50
Kanpur	2.25		2.25
EDIBLE OILS			
(i) Groundnut Oil			
Delhi	36.00		44.00
Rajkot	33.00		40.50
Bombay	32.00		40.00
Madras	32.00		38.00
(ii) Mustard Oil			
Delhi	28.95		34.50
Kanpur	26.50		32.50
Bombay	29.00		35.00
Patna	30.00		35.00
Cuttack	31.00		37.50
(iii) Vanaspati			
Delhi	34.45		40.00
Bombay	37.00		42.00
Patna	34.00		38.00
Madras	38.00		41.00
Kanpur	34.00		39.50
BICYCLES 28-7-90 20-7-91			
(Absolute price including excise duty)			
Atlas	641.00		737.00
Hero	570.00		660.00

	1	2	3
TWO WHEELERS			
(Absolute price including excise duty)			
1. Scooters			
Bajaj Chetak	11835.02		13389.43
Priya	10314.52		10592.04
2. Motor Cycles			
Enfield			
(350 cc)	21935.00		24293.59
Mini Exp.			
(50 cc)	8371.04		10331.78
ELECTRIC BULBS			
	27-7-1990		26-7-1991
(40 Watts)			
Delhi	6.50		7.00
Calcutta	5.00		5.00
Madras	6.00		7.50
Lucknow	5.00		7.50
COTTON DHOTI			
(per sq. mtr.)			
(40's counts and below)			
Controlled cloth (NTC)	6.21		7.17
COTTON SAREE			
(per sq. mtr.)			
(40's counts and below)			
Controlled cloth (NTC)	7.66		8.78
STOVE			
Non-pressure wick	90-94		100-104
Brass Tank Stove	110		125
Steel Tank Stove	50		60

1	2	3
CHULHAS	July, 1990	July, 1991
1. Fixed		
Single pot .	25-55	25-74
Double pot .	42-95	50-105
Triple pot .	42-90	50-103
Community	70	100
2. Portable		
CPRI Medium Type-I .	110	120
CPRI Large Type-I .	150	165
CPRI Medium Type-II .	135	150

Source :

- (1) Directorate of Economics and Statistics Ministry of Agriculture (for Diesel, Kerosene and Electric Bulbs).
- (2) States/UT Civil Supplies Departments. (For Salt and Edible Oils).
- (3) Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry (For Bicycle and Two wheelers)
- (4) Ministry of Textiles (For cotton Dhoti and Saree)
- (5) Office of DC (SSI), Ministry of Industry, (for stove).
- (6) Ministry of Energy (for chulhas)

Production of Heavy Engineering Corporation

3680. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production in Heavy Engineering Corporation has been decreasing;

(b) whether a Sub Committee was set up to study the matter;

(c) if so, the number of meetings held by it so far and the decisions taken and recommendations made therein;

(d) whether no action has been taken on the recommendation of this Sub Committee and this undertaking had to lose business amounting to Rs. 400 crores during the last year;

(e) the action taken by the Government since April, 1990 to save this undertaking from incurring losses; and

(f) the outcome achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The production achieved by HEC during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Production
1988-89	352.67
1989-90	368.62
1990-91 (Prov.)	263.80

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The company has been incurring losses from quite some time mainly due to its critical liquidity position and lean order book position. In order to overcome these problems, a plan assistance of Rs. 18 crores and non-plan assistance of Rs. 10 crores has been provided to the company during 1990-91. Presently due to Govt. intervention, the user sectors have started placing orders on HEC and the order book position of the company is Rs. 710 crores as on 1-7-1991, which is best in the history of the company.