

that the statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991 also covers the public sector, the Government do not propose to bring out a 'White Paper' on the status of the public sector undertakings.

#### Prices of Vanaspati

4925. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Vanaspati is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, to what extent Vanaspati price has been increasing after the introduction of the budget; and

(c) the steps taken to check the price thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). There has been mixed trend in the price of vanaspati. The wholesale prices of vanaspati at Delhi market have increased in the range of 5.9%—6.7% during 24.7.1991—22.8.1991.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to bring down price are:

- (i) Excise rebate allowed on usage of minor/non traditional oils in the manufacture of vanaspati;
- (ii) Stock limits of hydrogenated vegetable oils with wholesalers and retailers have been reduced;
- (iii) Stock limits of edible oils and vanaspati with the producers have been reduced; and
- (iv) State Governments have been advised to undertake dehoarding operations on regular basis to

enforce the reduced stock limits etc.

#### Training Programmes on Oceanography

4926. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken/proposed to be taken to provide training programmes, graduation and Post Graduation Courses on Oceanography in the Universities particularly in coastal States; and

(b) the names of such Universities where the said programme courses are available at present/proposed to be made available in the near future and in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Ocean Development <sup>Development</sup> has been extending project and research support to Post-Graduate Programmes, in some selected areas of ocean science and technology, which also provide opportunities for developing specialised manpower.

(b) The details of Universities where such programmes/courses are available at present/proposed to be made available are given in the Statement attached.

#### STATEMENT

1. Jadhavpur University, Calcutta.
2. University of Calcutta, Calcutta.
3. I.I.T. Kharagpur.
4. Berhampur University, Berhampur, Orissa