

क्षमता का निर्माण करवाना, विभिन्न स्रोतों से गौदाम किराये पर लेना, कंप स्टोरेज का निर्माण करना, आदि ताकि अन्य राज्यों से अन्नप्राप्त और विदेशों से आयात किए गए खाद्यान्नों के लिए भंडारण ध्यान मुलभ किया जा सके ।

(ग) : मध्य प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम, केन्द्रीय भंडागार निगम और राज्य भंडागार निगम के पास उपलब्ध भंडारण क्षमता (अपनी और किराये की) 10 लाख मीटरी टन है । इसके अलावा, राज्य सरकार के पास लगभग 81,000 मीटरी टन भंडारण क्षमता है ।

Prices of Foodgrains

3167. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) latest break-up of the market and issue prices of Wheat, rice and other cereals and other agricultural products in various States and Union territories; and

(b) steps taken by Government to proportionately equalise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNA-SHAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). It is not feasible to indicate the break-up of open market prices which vary from State to State and from day to day and even from one area to another within the same State and depend upon the position of supply and demand. As regards the foodgrains issued from the Central Pool, Government of India after taking into consideration the economic cost and other relevant factors, decide the issue prices for foodgrains issued from the Central Pool. Since these are uniform throughout the country, the question of equalising them also does not arise.

Activities of Youth Parliament

3168. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities under the Scheme "Youth Parliament" have made any headway in Delhi, New Delhi and elsewhere and are to be carried on without relaxation;

(b) which of the States, including Union-territories have agreed to implement the scheme in their areas; and

(c) whether any Central assistance is given to States or is contemplated to be given to States for the implementation of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far, four States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Tripura, Kerala and Haryana have arranged Youth Parliament Competitions in their respective States on the pattern of the Scheme in the Union Territory of Delhi. The State Governments of Punjab, Gujarat, Bihar, Orissa, Goa, Daman & Diu, Pondicherry, U.P. Nagaland and Manipur have agreed to implement the Scheme in their respective States.

(c) The actual expenditure, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1,000/- incurred by each State/Union Territory for the annual competition in implementation of the Scheme, is borne by the Central Government.

Price Reduction in Fertilizers

3170. SHRI Y ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of some of the fertilizers have been reduced;

(b) if so, extent reasons therefor.

(c) whether the reduction in the prices of phosphatic fertilizers is effected by a support scheme; and

(d) whether the off take of the fertilizers has improved after the price reduction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of some of the major imported fertilizers have been reduced with effect from 16th March, 1976 and 20th April, 1976 with a view to boost the consumption of fertilizers. The indigenous manufacturers have also reduced the prices of the fertilizers produced by them. The following Table gives the prices of these fertilizers as they existed prior to the revision and as they exist today:—

Rs. per tonne

Name of Fertilizer	Prices Prior to 16-3-76	Existing prices	Reduction effected
Urea	1850	1740	100
Muriate of potash	1085	900	185
Di-Ammonium Phosphate (18-46-0)	2600	2210	390
Ammonium Nitro-Phosphate (24-24-0)	2650	2270	380
NPK (15-15-15)	1645	1570	75
NPK (17-17-17)	2425	1970	455

(c) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to give a subsidy of Rs 1250 per tonne of P_2O_5 to the manufacturers of Phosphatic fertilizers for being passed on to the farmers.

(d) Since the major price reduction were made in March and April, 1976 and since these months are also the low consumption months, it is too early to assess the impact of the price reductions.

Reduction in Price of Chemical Fertilizers

3171. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the prices of chemical fertilizers so that more and more farmers could purchase them; and

(b) if so, the extent of reduction proposed and the names of chemical fertilizers whose prices are to be reduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) and (b). The prices of some of the major complex fertilizers have been reduced very recently i.e., with effect from 20th April, 1976. The following Table indicates the retail prices of some of the major imported fertilizers as they existed on 1st June 1974 and the reductions effected on 18th July