

(b) Paddy is purchased under price support. Rs. 137/-, Rs. 141/ and Rs. 145/ per quintal, for common, fine, and superfine varieties respectively. Rice is procured mainly under levy at prices based on the support prices of paddy and incidental charges of conversion as relevant to each State. The Central issue price of rice is Rs. 208.00, Rs. 220.00 and Rs. 235/- per quintal for common, fine and superfine varieties respectively. During 1983-84, consumer subsidy on rice, inclusive of transit and storage losses, was Rs. 66.70 per quintal.

(c) State Government are restricted from purchasing foodgrains in the open market on State Government account without the specific permission of the Government of India.

(d) Keeping in view the overall availability of stock in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, market availability and other related factors, Government of India allot foodgrains to State Govts./Union Territories to meet the needs of the Public Distribution System and other schemes like the National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme, Employment Generation Schemes, etc. However, allotment of foodgrains to State Govts./Union Territories under Public Distribution System is only supplemental in nature and does not aim at meeting the entire needs of the States.

Allotment of Rice to Gujarat

359. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has recently requested the Centre to increase allotment of rice required for distribution under Public Distribution System ;

(b) whether Government are aware that the State Government has received 7,500 tonnes of rice from the Central Pool for Public Distribution System against its monthly demand of 25,000 tonnes of rice ;

(c) whether Government are also aware that due to heavy cut in allotment of

rice from the Central Pool, the State Government has to reduce the quantum of distribution of rice to 500 grams per head per month which is not adequate ; and

(d) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase rice allotment to Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Government of Gujarat have been allotted 7,500 tonnes of rice per month since October, 1982, against their monthly demand for 25,000 tonnes. In March 1983, they indicated that they had reduced the monthly scale of ration of rice to 500 grams per capita and requested for allocation upto their fully demand of 25,000 tonnes of rice per month. The request for increase in allocation, which was also repeated in June, 1984, however, could not be agreed to because of tight position of rice stocks in the Central Pool and keeping in view the fact that the shortfall in rice allocation was fully made good through extra allocation of wheat. The allocations from the Central Pool are, however, only supplemental in nature and are made on a month to month basis taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors.

[Translation]

Construction of Sewer Lines for Resettlement Colonies

360. SHRI BHARAT SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction of sewer lines was sanctioned for resettlement colonies and if so, whether the work of laying the sewer lines has not yet started in the resettlement colonies such as Mangolpuri, Sultanpuri and Nangloi No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 ; and

(b) the time by which this work is likely to be started as per the decision ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DDA has got the scheme for providing sewer lines in Mangolpuri, Sultanpuri and Nangloi Phase I, II and III approved by the MCD and further action for preparation of 'Notices Inviting Tender' and invitation of tenders is being taken to start the work at the earliest. The scheme has, however, not yet been approved by the MCD in respect of Nangloi Phase IV and V (Jwalapuri JJ Colony). It is, therefore, not feasible to lay down any time limit for starting the work in these two areas.

[English]

Assessment of Dairy Potential of Bidar

361. SHRI NARASINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assessed the potentialities of 'Dairy Industries Development' in Bidar, Karnataka ;

(b) if so, when ;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(d) whether Government are planning to assess the potentialities in near future, keeping in view the favourable and available infrastructure for such development ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Dairy Development Programme in Karnataka envisages to cover all the districts including Bidar under Operation Flood-II. The potentiality for taking up the programme in the State has been appraised in 1984.

Export of Wheat

362. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has decided to export 1 million tonnes of wheat this year ;

(b) whether the food stocks with the Government and also the production in India has reached a target of 45.6 million tonnes;

(c) if so, what is the total quantity of wheat at present and how much is likely to be exported during 1985-86; and

(d) the countries to which this wheat is being exported ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) It has been decided to supply one lakh tonnes of wheat as aid to some of the drought affected African countries.

The stock of foodgrains with the public agencies as on 1-2-1985 was 22.55 million tonnes, of which wheat was 13.99 million tonnes. The production of wheat during 1983-84 was 45.15 million tonnes.

The Government also keeps the option to export wheat from Government stock, if necessary and feasible.

Commissioning of Warehouse Near Tikkodi

363. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation's Warehouse near Tikkodi, Calicut District, Kerala has been fully commissioned;

(b) if so, the capacity and staffing pattern thereof; and

(c) whether the warehouse is receiving adequate quantities of foodgrains ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) A capacity of 40,000 tonnes is being constructed by the Food Corporation of India at Tikkodi in district Calicut, Kerala, of which a capacity of 30,000 tonnes has been completed and commissioned. The following staff has been provided at this godown:-

1. Assistant Manager (Depot)	1
2. Assistant Manager (Quality Control)	1
3. Assistant, Grade-I	4
4. Assistant, Grade-II	9
5. Assistant, Grade-III	3