

[English]

Suggestions by I.L.O. to Increase Monetary Incentives to Encourage Family Planning

369. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been any suggestions by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to the Government of India to increase the monetary incentives to encourage family planning; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the suggestions made by the International Labour Organisation and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJALIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production and Procurement of Potato

370. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of Potato produced during the current season in the country and State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of Potato-purchased by Central Government from different States, State-wise, and at what rate ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Final estimates of potato for 1984-85 are not yet due from the States. However, it is currently assessed that production during 1984-85 is likely to exceed the last year's level of 12.25 million tonnes.

(b) The Central Government do not purchase potatoes. The purchases of potato made by designated agencies during

the current year in different States are as follows :-

State	Quantity purchased (in qtls.)
Himachal Pradesh	9,341 (till 13.3.1985)
Punjab	36,386 (till 13.3.1985)
Uttar Pradesh	85,700 (till 12.3.1985)
West Bengal	8,000 (till 12.3.1985)

The support/intervention price of potato for the fair average quality has been fixed at Rs. 50/- per quintal.

Cost of Production of Potato and Fixation of Support Price

371. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total expenditure involved in growing a quintal of potato;

(b) the support price of potato per quintal; and

(c) the basis of fixing support price for potato and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) As per the data collected under of the Comprehensive Scheme of Cost Cultivation, estimates of cash and kind expenditure by the farmers for growing one quintal of potato in Uttar Pradesh during 1981-82 was Rs. 28.56.

(b) and (c) For perishable commodities like potato the Government do not fix any minimum support price as in the cases of various agricultural commodities like wheat, paddy, oilseeds, pulses, etc. However, in the case of perishables, at the instance of the State Governments, the Government have been directing the designated agencies to undertake the market support operations at an indicative price. This price is fixed by mutual consultation between the Central and the State Governments. The indicative price gives due consideration to the likely expenditure incurred by the potato growers.

The indicative price fixed for the year 1984-85 is Rs. 50/- per quintal.

Procurement of Rice and Wheat

372. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to lay a statement showing.

(a) the total quantity of paddy/rice procured from farmers/millers in 1983-84;

(b) the total quantity of wheat procured from farmers/millers in 1983-84;

(c) the price paid for a quintal of paddy rice/wheat to the farmers/millers in 1983-84;

(d) the overheads incurred for one quintal paddy/rice/wheat in procurement and storage;

(e) issue price of rice/wheat to the consumers in 1983-84; and

(f) the steps taken by Food Corporation of India to reduce the overheads ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) During 1983-84 kharif marketing season, about 2.70 million tonnes of paddy was purchased from the farmers about 6.02 million tonnes of rice procured from the millers.

(b) During 1983-84 rabi marketing season, about 8.29 million tonnes of wheat was procured.

(c) For 1983-84 kharif and rabi marketing seasons, paddy was purchased at support price of Rs. 132.00, Rs. 136.00 and Rs. 140.00 per quintal for common, fine and superfine varieties respectively. The price of rice purchased under levy from millers was fixed on the basis of the support prices for paddy and incidental charges of conversion as relevant to each State. The procurement price of wheat was Rs. 151.60 per quintal for the year 1983-84.

(d) The expenditure incurred on procurement and storage of paddy, rice and wheat during the year 1983-84 are as under :-

	(Rate Rs. per quintal)		
	Paddy	Rice	Wheat
Procurement Expenses	24.17	11.11	24.17
Handling expenses on distribution (Includes storage of Rs 3.06)	—	46.87	46.87

(e) Central issue prices of rice and wheat during the relevant period were as follows :

RICE	(Rs. per quintal)	
	WITH EFFECT FROM 1.10.1982	16.1.1984
Common	188.00	208.00
Fine	200.00	220.00
Super-fine	215.00	235.00

WHEAT	WITH EFFECT FROM	
	1.8.1982	15.4.1983
	160.00	172.00
	(For PDS)	(For PDS)

Central Government supplies rice and wheat to the State Governments at the above rates. The State Governments fix the consumer prices after adding their incidental costs.

(f) The Food Corporation of India is making constant endeavour to reduce the cost of storage and distribution by optimisation of the use of resources through more efficient movement, better storage capacity utilisation, reduction of storage and transit shortages by introducing machine stitching of bags etc.

Population Covered by TV in Kerala

374. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :