

This policy has also been reiterated in Rule 8 of the Delhi Development Authority (Disposal of Developed Nazul Land) Rules, 1981. The total area of land disposed of by DDA through auctions is insignificant compared to the land acquired for planned development of Delhi. The resources generated through auction of commercial plots are utilized for meeting the cost of development of land under the scheme.

The built up shops being commercial properties are disposed of by DDA through auction, through restricted tendering, etc. These are also allotted by way of alternative/rehabilitational allotment to those whose lands have been acquired. The allotment is made through restricted tendering to the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and through the same method among the ex-servicemen. The physically handicapped persons are allotted through draw of lots.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table on the House.

Stock of Foodgrains

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

(a) whether the foodgrains stocks with Government have touched 25 million tonnes at the beginning of January, 1985;

(b) if so, whether food stocks have been comparatively better during 1984;

(c) if so, the latest position in regard to the food stocks;

(d) whether wheat and rice have also exceeded the targets set for the same;

(e) whether on production side the strategy of price incentive had the desired impact on rice producing and consuming States;

(f) steps being taken by Government to improve the food stocks; and

(g) whether import are being considered to keep sufficient stocks of foodgrains with the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir; the stock of foodgrains with the public agencies as on 1-1-1985 was 22.61 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir; the overall position improved during the year.

(c) The latest stock position of foodgrains as on 1-3-85 was 21.91 million tonnes.

(d) The stock position of wheat and rice as on 1st January, 85 was 14.80 million tonnes and 7.71 million tonnes respectively. While the wheat stocks have exceeded the required level, the rice stocks are on the lower side.

(e) Yes, Sir. The strategy of price support has contributed to increase in production of rice in the country in general.

(f) The stocks with the public agencies are built up through procurement operations in the country and also through imports when considered necessary.

(g) No, Sir, there is no proposal for imports at present.

Restrictions on Lending by Commercial Banks to Build Houses

944. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Conference sponsored by his Ministry has urged the Reserve Bank of India to lift restrictions on lending by commercial banks to build houses;

(b) whether his Ministry had also discussions with the banking department on giving credit on concessional terms for construction of houses;

(c) if so, whether several other steps are being undertaken by his Ministry in this regard; and

(d) if so, to what extent Reserve Bank of India has agreed to lift curbs on housing loans ?