

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the Government's reaction regarding utilisation of such funds?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) Various legislations enacted in the past could not effectively protect the consumers as the procedures involved were long and cumbersome. To solve this problem, Government enacted the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 which envisages a three tier redressal machinery to provide simple and quick disposal of consumer grievances.

(b) to (d). The Department of Civil Supplies has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance.

Supply of Essential Commodities to Kerala

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly allotment of rice, wheat, sugar palm oil and other essential commodities to Kerala during 1990 and 1991, month-wise;

(b) whether there was any cut in the

allotment of these essential items;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the price of these items were increased during this period;

(e) if so, the reason therefor;

(f) whether there is any proposal to increase the price of rice, wheat, sugar and palm oil;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether the allotted essential commodities were taken by the Kerala Government; and

(i) whether any complaint regarding quality of rice supplied to Kerala was received, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) Statement-I is given below.

(b) and (c). The allocation of PDS items to States/UTs for distribution through PDS is made on a month to month (or block to block in respect of Kerosene) basis taking into account the stock position, relative needs of other States and open market availability etc.

(d) and (e). The Central issue price of rice was last revised w.e.f. 25th June, 1990 and are as under:

(Rs. per quintal)

<i>Rice common</i>	<i>Rice fine</i>	<i>Rice super fine</i>
289.00	349.00	370.00

The Central issue price of wheat was last revised w.e.f. 1.5.1990 and is Rs. 234.00 per quintal.

The Central issue prices of rice and wheat were revised following revision of procurement prices of paddy and wheat.

There has been no increase in the consumer price of levy sugar since 1.1.1989.

The price of imported edible oil has been increased w.e.f. 26.1.1991. It was revised due to increase in CIF price of this

imported oil.

The SKO prices have been increased by 25% effective midnight of 14/15 October, 1990 due to levy of Gulf surcharge.

(f) and (g). No decision has been taken in this regard.

(h) Statement - II is given below.

(i) No complaint has been received from the State Government of Kerala regarding quality of rice during the last six months.

STATEMENT-I

Statement showing allotment of rice, wheat, sugar, edible oil and kerosene to Kerala during 1990-91, month-wise

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Rice	Wheat	Sugar	Edible oil	Kerosene
1	2	3	4	5	6
January 90	100.0	20.0	12.0	2.5	23.7
February	125.0	20.0	12.0	2.5	23.7
March	125.0	20.0	12.0	3.0	20.2
April	125.0	20.0	12.0	3.0	20.2
May	125.0	20.0	12.0	3.5	20.2
June	125.0	20.0	12.0	3.5	20.2
July	135.0	20.0	12.0	3.5	21.5
August	135.0	20.0	12.0	5.0	21.5
September	135.0	20.0	13.8	5.0	21.5

(In '000 tonnes)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Wheat</i>	<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Edible oil</i>	<i>Kerosene</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
October	145.0	20.0	13.8	6.0	21.5
November	145.0	20.0	12.0	4.0	24.6
December	135.0	20.0	12.0	No allocation	24.3
January 91	142.5	30.0	12.0	—do—	24.2
February	142.5	20.0	12.0	1.2	N.A.

STATEMENT-II

Statement showing off-take of rice, wheat, sugar, edible oil and kerosene to Kerala during 1990-91, month-wise

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Rice	Wheat	Edible oil	Kerosene
1	2	3	4	5
January 90	97.6	21.0	2.77	23.39
February	113.3	15.3	0.82	23.25
March	131.6	25.1	2.06	20.49
April	114.2	15.5	2.57	20.27
May	129.0	19.0	4.47	20.22
June	139.7	21.7	3.26	20.32
July	135.8	20.7	3.00	20.45
August	168.0	21.5	4.62	21.48
September	95.3	15.5	3.07	21.53

(In '000 tonnes)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Wheat</i>	<i>Edible oil</i>	<i>Kerosene</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
October	114.8	16.8	4.54	21.34.
November	128.4	19.1	4.01	24.34
December	136.8	19.8	1.10	23.56
January 91	118.0	28.0	Negligible	NA
February	NA	NA	NA	NA

N.A. — Not available.