

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b). The Vidyalaya is running in a temporary accommodation. Construction at permanent site of the Vidyalaya is In progress.

Criteria for allocation of essential commodities

791. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for providing essential commodities to the State Governments;

(b) whether a number of State Governments have drawn the attention of the Union Government to the violation of these criteria; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) Selected essential commodities for supply through Public Distribution System (PDS) are allocated to the State Governments/U.T. Administrations on the basis of following criteria;

Allocations of rice, wheat and imported edible oils are made from the Central Pool taking into account stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability, past off-take and other related factors.

Allocations of levy sugar is made @ 425 grams per capita per month on the projected population as on 1.10.1986.

The allocation of kerosene is made on a

historical basis, allowing a suitable growth over the allocations made in three different blocks of the previous year. Additionally, ad-hoc allocations are also made, from time to time, to meet unforeseen situation like natural calamities.

Allocation of PDS items, however, are supplemental in nature and not intended to meet the entire requirements of the ration card holders.

(b) There have been demands for higher allocation of various PDS items from State Governments/UT Administrations, from time to time, laying claim to past allocations and off-take by them.

(c) All demands are tried to be met as far as the stocks and relative needs of other States/UT's permits.

[English]

Reoriented Public Distribution System

792. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reorient the Public Distribution System and link it with employment generation and nutrition programmes as reported in "Economic Times" dated 20 November, 1990; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) and (b). There has been no change in Government's policy on PDS so far. The Government does not intend to reduce the number of beneficiaries of the system so far as weaker sections of the population are concerned.