

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the Report of the Joint Study Team appointed by the Planning Commission and the State Govt., of U.P. in 1964, there was not a single unit in the District which could undertake the preservation and canning of fruits and vegetables products. According to information available, at present there is one unit in the private sector having an installed capacity of 50 metric tonnes for manufacturing Fruit and Vegetable products.

Out of Turn Allotment of Flats, Plots and Shops

828. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur):
SHRI NANDLAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the out of turn allotments of flats, plots and shops made by the D.D.A. during the last three years, separately, year-wise:

(b) the number of applications for out of turn allotments of flats, plots and shops pending with the DDA for submission to the competent authorities;

(c) the details thereof with reasons for not submitting the same; and

(d) the details of steps taken to process all those applications and to allot the plots, flats and shops to them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Development of Towns with Recommendation of National Commission on Urbanisation

829. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Urbanisation has identified 600 towns which were said to be growing rapidly in terms of population, 329 which have shown signs of economic growth or have a potential for such growth in the future;

(b) if so, the details of the 600 towns which are growing in population;

(c) the details of the 329 towns which have shown signs of economic growth;

(d) the number of town as at (b) and (c) above located in the districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh with details of the districts in which situated;

(e) whether the Commission has recommended to give highest priority in the development of the above said towns and if so, the details of action taken to implement the recommendations of the Commission; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN):

(a) and (b). The National Commission on Urbanisation made only a mention of the 600 towns which were said to be growing rapidly in terms of population. The list of 600 such towns has not been specified by the Commission in its report.

(c) and (d). A list of 329 towns indicating inter alia the district and the State is given in the Statement-I and II below.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. Under the centrally sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, out of 300 towns covered under this scheme by the end of VII Five Year Plan, 157 are the towns which were identified by the NCU.

In the recently launched scheme of Growth Centres for industrial development

by the Ministry of Industry, 21 NOU towns have been included out of the 60 growth centres selected so far. The programme for development of small and medium towns is to be continued in the VIII Plan while selecting towns for covering under this programme. The State Governments have been requested to give due consideration to the recommendations of the NCU in this regard.

STATEMENT—I

National Priority Cities (NPCs)

List of Towns Identified as GEMS by NCU

TABLE—A

Capital of States and Union Territories

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State/Union Territory</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Dispur Gauhati	Assam
4.	Patna	Bihar
5.	Panaji	Goa
6.	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
7.	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
8.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
9.	Jammu (winter capital)	Jammu & Kashmir
10.	Bangalore	Karnataka
11.	Trivandrum	Kerala
12.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State/Union Territory</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
13.	Bombay	Maharashtra
14.	Imphal	Manipur
15.	Shillong	Meghalaya
16.	Aizawl	Mizoram
17.	Kohima	Nagaland
18.	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
19.	Jaipur	Rajasthan
20.	Gangtok	Sikkim
21.	Madras	Tamil Nadu
22.	Agartala	Tripura
23.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
24.	Calcutta	West Bengal
25.	Port Blair	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
26.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh Punjab and Haryana
27.	Silvasa	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
28.	New Delhi	Delhi
29.	Kavaratti	Lakshadweep
30.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry

Note: These cities have been selected because they are capitals of states and union territories. They deserve national priority because of their administrative function in a federal structure of political governance. No population criterion has been applied in the case of these cities. In 1981, Daman and Diu was a part of the erstwhile union territory of Goa and even today, the headquarters of its administrator continues to be in Panaji.

TABLE—B

*Million Plus Cities As on 1981**(Excluding those already covered in Table A)*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3
1.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
2.	Pune	Maharashtra
3.	Nagpur	Maharashtra
4.	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh

Note: The million-plus cities have been designated as National Priority cities not only because they have crossed the million (ten lakhs) plus mark but also because of their vital importance in the national economy. Their infrastructure is severely strained. Hence, urgent action is called for.

TABLE—C

Cities which are Heading Towards the Million Plus Mark in 2001

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Vishakhapatnam	Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Vijayawada	Krishna	—do—
3.	Dhanbad	Dhanbad	Bihar
4.	Jamshedpur	Singhbhum	—do—
5.	Ranchi	Ranchi	—do—
6.	Bokaro Steel City	Dhanbad	—do—
7.	Surat	Surat	Gujarat
8.	Vadodara	Vadodara	—do—
9.	Hubli Dharwad	Dharwad	Karnataka

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
10.	Cochin	Ernakulam	Kerala
11.	Indore	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
12.	Jabalpur	Jabalpur	—do—
13.	Gwalior	Gwalior	—do—
14.	Durg-Bhilai Nagar	Durg	—do—
15.	Rourkela	Sundargarh	Orissa
16.	Ludhiana	Ludhiana	Punjab
17.	Amritsar	Amritsar	—do—
18.	Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
19.	Kota	Kota	—do—
20.	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
21.	Madurai	Madurai	—do—
22.	Tiruchirapalli	Tiruchirapalli	—do—
23.	Salem	Salem	—do—
24.	Varanasi	Varanasi	—do—
25.	Agra	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
26.	Allahabad	Allahabad	—do—
27.	Meerut	Meerut	—do—

Note: This list of potential million plus cities is based on a demographic exercise of population projections. It may be noted that all these cities have shown evidence of economic and demographic momentum. In order to generate positive urbanisation, urgent steps have to be taken to generate employment and economic growth in these cities but at the same time, steps have to be taken urgently to ensure that the urban infrastructure does not collapse. It will be

conceded that to some extent, these cities have acted as counter-magnets to the existing million-plus cities but if we do not want these cities to meet the fate of the existing million-plus cities, state intervention is called for. In short, while every effort should be made to give the backup to these cities, steps must also be taken to see that migration to these cities is contained.

TABLE—D

Other Cities with Potential for Generating Economic Momentum

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Ankleswar	Bharauch	Gujarat
2.	Manglore	Dakshin Kannu	Karnataka
3.	Durgapur	Barodhaman	West Bengal
4.	Haldia	Midnapore	—do—
5.	Paradeep	Cuttack	Orissa
6.	Koraput	Koraput	—do—
7.	Dibrugarh	Lakhimpur	Assam

Note: This list is based on the statistical exercises done by the Commission to assess the economic growth potential of cities. These cities do not feature in Tables A, B and C.

TABLE—E

RESIDUAL LIST

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Bodh Gaya	Gaya	Bihar
2.	Thaneswar-Kurukshetra	Kurukshetra	Haryana
3.	Leh	Ladakh	Jammu & Kashmir
4.	Mysore	Mysore	Karnataka

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
5.	Jagdalpur	Bastar	Madhya Pradesh
6.	Puri	Puri	Orissa
7.	Aligarh	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh
8.	Darjiling	Darjiling	West Bengal
9.	Bolpur-Shantiniketan	Birbhum	—do—

Note: This list is a residual list. The objective is to give a rounded picture of national priority cities by including a few cities which deserve consideration on socio-cultural and other grounds.

STATEMENT—II

State Priority Cities (SPCs)

TABLE—A

Cities with potential for Generating Economic Momentum (GEMs)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Guntur	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Warangal	Warangal	—do—
3.	Rajamundry	East Godavari	—do—
4.	Nellore	Nellore	—do—
5.	Kurnool	Kurnool	—do—
6.	Nizamabad	Nizamabad	—do—
7.	Tirupati	Chittoor	—do—
8.	Cuddapah	Cuddapah	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
9.	Bheemavaram	West Godavari	—do—
10.	Khammam	Khammam	—do—
11.	Mahbubnagar	Mahbubnagar	Andhra Pradesh
12.	Karimnagar	Karimnagar	—do—
13.	Ongole	Prakasam	—do—
14.	Narasaraopet	Guntur	—do—
15.	Nalgonda	Nalgonda	—do—
16.	Madanapalle	Chittoor	—do—
17.	Adilabad	Adilabad	—do—
18.	Dharmawaram	Anantpur	—do—
19.	Siddipet	Medak	—do—
20.	Digboi	Lakhimpur	Assam
21.	Bihar Sharif	Nalanda	Bihar
22.	Bermo	Giridih	—do—
23.	Patratu	Hazaribag	—do—
24.	Dehri	Rohtas	—do—
25.	Hazaribag	Hazaribag	—do—
26.	Begusarai	Begusarai	—do—
27.	Giridih	Giridih	—do—
28.	Narkatiaganj	Pashchim Champaran	—do—
29.	Navasari	Valsad	Gujarat
30.	Anand	Kheda	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
31.	Himatnagar	Sabarkantha	—do—
32.	Panipat	Karnal	Haryana
33.	Faridabad	Faridabad	—do—
34.	Hissar	Hissar	—do—
35.	Sonipat	Sonipat	—do—
36.	Sirsa	Sirsa	—do—
37.	Jind	Jind	—do—
38.	Gulbarga	Gulbarga	Karnataka
39.	Davangere	Chitradurga	—do—
40.	Shimoga	Shimoga	—do—
41.	Raichur	Raichur	—do—
42.	Tumkur	Tumkur	—do—
43.	Bidar	Bidar	—do—
44.	Harihar	Chitradurga	—do—
45.	Harwar	North Kannad	—do—
46.	Trichur	Trichur	Kerala
47.	Cannanore	Cannanore	—do—
48.	Shornur	Palghat	—do—
49.	Raipur	Raipur	Madhya Pradesh
50.	Bilaspur	Bilaspur	—do—
51.	Satna	Satna	—do—
52.	Rajnandgaon	Rajnandgaon	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
53.	Dewas	Dewas	—do—
54.	Bhind	Bhind	—do—
55.	Morena	Morena	—do—
56.	Itarsi	Hosangabad	—do—
57.	Vidisha	Vidisha	—do—
58.	Guna	Guna	—do—
59.	Chhatarpur	Chhatarpur	—do—
60.	Shahdol	Shahdol	—do—
61.	Betul	Betul	—do—
62.	Ujjain	Ujjain	—do—
63.	Pithampur	Dhar	—do—
64.	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
65.	Dhule	Dhule	—do—
66.	Nanded	Nanded	—do—
67.	Ichalkaranji	Kolhapur	—do—
68.	Chandrapur	Chandrapur	—do—
69.	Parbhani	Parbhani	—do—
70.	Bid	Bid	—do—
71.	Nasik	Nasik	—do—
72.	Tura	West Garo Hills	Meghalaya
73.	Cuttack	Cuttack	Orissa
74.	Berhampur	Ganjam	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
75.	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	—do—
76.	Bhatinda	Bhatinda	Punjab
77.	Batala	Gurdaspur	—do—
78.	Hoshiarpur	Hoshiarpur	—do—
79.	Phagwara	Kapurthala	—do—
80.	Gobindgarh	Patiala	—do—
81.	Rupnagar	Purnagar	—do—
82.	Alwar	Alwar	Rajasthan
83.	Bhilwara	Bhilwara	—do—
84.	Bharatpur	Bharatpur	—do—
85.	Tuticorin	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu
86.	Tiruppur	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
87.	Sivakasi	Ramnathpuram	—do—
88.	Hosur	Dharm Puri	—do—
89.	Erode	Periyar	—do—
90.	Bareilly	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh
91.	Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad	—do—
92.	Moradabad	Moradabad	—do—
93.	Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur	—do—
94.	Muzaffarnagar	Muzaffarnagar	—do—
95.	Hardwar	Saharanpur	—do—
96.	Bulandshahar	Bulandshahar	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
97.	Haldwani	Nainital	—do—
98.	Unnao	Unnao	—do—
99.	Rishikesh	Dehradun	—do—
100.	Mathura	Mathura	—do—
101.	Asansol	Bardhaman	West Bengal
102.	Siliguri	Darjiling	—do—
103.	Krishnanagar	Nadia	—do—

Note: These cities and towns have been selected by applying objective criteria in the statistical exercise done by the Commission. Towns with population below 20,000 have not been considered.

TABLE—B

Headquarters of Districts with 30 per cent and more Urban Population (excluding those already included in earlier lists)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Machilipatanam	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Jamnagar	Jamnagar	Gujarat
3.	Rajkot	Rajkot	—do—
4.	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	—do—
5.	Junagarh	Junagarh	—do—
6.	Ambala	Ambala	Haryana
7.	Bellary	Bellary	Karnataka
	Ratlam	Ratlam	Madhya Pradesh

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
9.	Jalandhar	Jalandhar	Punjab
10.	Ajmer	Ajmer	Rajasthan
11.	Bikaner	Bikaner	—do—
12.	Kanchipuram	Chengalpattu	Tamil Nadu
13.	Ootacamund	Nilgiri	—do—
14.	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli	—do—
15.	Dehra Dun	Dehra Dun	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Jhansi	Jhansi	—do—
17.	Daman	Daman	Goa, Daman & Diu
18.	Yanam	Yanam	Pondicherry
19.	Mahe	Mahe	—do—
20.	Karaikal	Karaikal	—do—

Note: This list excludes the cities and town already listed under National Priority Cities and also under Table. A. The intention of declaring such cities as State Priority Cities is to give an impetus to the growth process by supporting the infrastructure facilities in such cities and thereby helping them to expand the economic bone so that the need for migration to the big cities is lessened. In short, there will be migration within the region and this will contribute to positive urbanisation.

TABLE—C

Headquarters of Districts with 90 per cent and more Rural Population

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Silchar	Cachar	Assam
2.	Diphu	Mikir Hills	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
3.	Dhubri	Goalpara	—do—
4.	Tezpur	Darrang	—do—
5.	Nowgaon	Nowgaon	—do—
6.	Jorhat	Sibsagar	—do—
7.	Haflong	North Cachar hills	—do—
8.	Nawada	Nawada	Bihar
9.	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	—do—
10.	Sasaram	Rohtas	—do—
11.	Chapra	Saran	—do—
12.	Siwan	Siwan	—do—
13.	Gopalganj	Gopalganj	—do—
14.	Bettiah	Paschim Champaran	—do—
15.	Motihari	Purba Champaran	—do—
16.	Sitamarhi	Sitamarhi	—do—
17.	Muzaffarpur	Samastipur	—do—
18.	Hajipur	Vaishali	—do—
19.	Samastipur	Samastipur	—do—
20.	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	—do—
21.	Madhubani	Madhubani	—do—
22.	Saharsa	Saharsa	—do—
23.	Purnia	Purnia	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
24.	Katihar	Katihar	—do—
25.	Dumka	Santhal Parganas	—do—
26.	Daltonganj	Palamu	—do—
27.	Palanpur	Banas Kantha	Gujarat
28.	Mandi	Mandi	Himachal Pradesh
29.	Dharamshala	Kangra	—do—
30.	Chamba	Chamba	—do—
31.	Una	Una	—do—
32.	Bilaspur	Bilaspur	—do—
33.	Keylong	Lahaul & Spiti	—do—
34.	Hamirpur	Hamirpur	—do—
35.	Kulu	Kulu	—do—
36.	Nahan	Sirmaur	—do—
37.	Pulwama	Palwama	Jammu & Kashmir
38.	Kupwara	Kupwara	—do—
39.	Doda	Doda	—do—
40.	Udhampur	Udhampur	—do—
41.	Kargil	Kargil	—do—
42.	Kottayam	Kottayam	Kerala
43.	Mallapuram	Mallapuram	—do—
44.	Idukki	Idukki	—do—
45.	Kalpetta	Waynad	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
46.	Raigarh	Raigarh	Madhya Pradesh
47.	Seoni	Seoni	—do—
48.	Panna	Panna	—do—
49.	Sidhi	Sidhi	—do—
50.	Jhabua	Jhabua	—do—
51.	Raisen	Raisen	—do—
52.	Mandla	Mandla	—do—
53.	Balaghat	Balaghat	—do—
54.	Ambikapur	Sarguja	—do—
55.	Ratnagiri	Ratnagiri	Maharashtra
56.	Ukhrul	Manipur East	Manipur
57.	Tamenglong	Manipur West	—do—
58.	Karong Senapati	Manipur North	—do—
59.	William Nagar	East Garo Hills	Meghalaya
60.	Nongstoin	West Khasi Hills	—do—
61.	Jowai	Jaintia Hills	—do—
62.	Tuensang Town	Tuensang	Nagaland
63.	Mon	Mon	—do—
64.	Baleshwar	Baleshwar	Orissa
65.	Baripada	Mayurbhanj	—do—
66.	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal	Orissa
67.	Phulabani	Phulabani	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
68.	Bolangir	Bolangir	—do—
69.	Bhawantipatna	Kalahandi	—do—
70.	Barmer	Barmer	Rajasthan
71.	Jalor	Jalor	—do—
72.	Dungarpur	Dungarpur	—do—
73.	Banswara	Banswara	—do—
74.	Mangan	North Sikkim	Sikkim
75.	Namchi	South Sikkim	—do—
76.	Gyalshing	West Sikkim	—do—
77.	Dharampuri	Dharampuri	Tamil Nadu
78.	Kailasahar	North Tripura	Tripura
79.	Udaipur	South Tripura	—do—
80.	Jaunpur	Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh
81.	Rai Bareli	Rai Bareli	—do—
82.	Gonda	Gonda	—do—
83.	Basti	Basti	—do—
84.	Barabanki	Barabanki	—do—
85.	Lakhimpurkheri	Kheri	—do—
86.	Almora	Almora	—do—
87.	Uttarkashi	Uttarkashi	—do—
88.	Chamoli	Chamoli	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
89.	Narendranagar	Tehri-Garhwal	—do—
90.	Pithoragarh	Pithoragarh	—do—
91.	Fatehpur	Fatehpur	—do—
92.	Sitapur	Sitapur	—do—
93.	Sultanpur	Sultanpur	—do—
94.	Bahraich	Baharaich	—do—
95.	Bela-Pratapgarh	Pratapgarh	—do—
96.	Deoria	Deoria	—do—
97.	Azamgarh	Azamgarh	—do—
98.	Ballia	Ballia	—do—
99.	Pauri-Garhwal	Garhwal	Uttar Pradesh
100.	Ghazipur	Ghazipur	—do—
101.	Bankura	Bankura	West Bengal
102.	Midnapur	Midnapur	—do—
103.	Purulia	Purulia	—do—
104.	Suri	Birbhum	—do—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
105.	Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	—do—
106.	Maldah	Maldah	—do—
107.	Murshidabad	Murshidabad	—do—
108.	Tezu	Lohit	Arunachal Pradesh
109.	Bomdila	West Kameng	—do—

Note: These are the least urbanised and mostly poor districts. The migration potential from these districts is high. In terms of positive urbanisation, our policy must be aimed at generating employment and economic growth at the sub-regional level in order to curb migration to the cities.

TABLE—D

RESIDUAL LIST

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
1.	Tinsukia	Lakhimpur	Assam
2.	Bongaigaon	Goalpara	—do—
3.	Porbandar	Junagarh	Gujarat
4.	Patan	Junagarh	—do—
5.	Mahesana	Mahesana	—do—
6.	Dwarka	Jamnagar	—do—
7.	Bahadurgarh	Rohtak	Haryana
8.	Dalhausi	Chamba	Himachal Pradesh
9.	Gulmarg	Baramula	Jammu & Kashmir

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
1	2	3	4
10.	Belgaum	Belgaum	Karnataka
11.	Mandya	Mandya	—do—
12.	Mediceri	Kodagu	—do—
13.	Calicut	Kozhikode	Kerala
14.	Alleppey	Alleppey	—do—
15.	Patiala	Patiala	Punjab
16.	Pathankot	Gurdaspur	—do—
17.	Kodaikanal	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
18.	Nainital	Nainital	Uttar Pradesh
19.	Mussoorie	Dehradun	—do—
20.	Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri	West Bengal

Note: This is a list of towns which deserve priority at the state level on grounds of economic social, and environmental considerations. This is an illustrative list and there is scope for modification.

Amendment to Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rule, 1977

830 . SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules 1977 so as to incorporate the words 'cost of production' before the words 'maximum selling price inclusive of all taxes' in order to ensure

the check in the sharp and arbitrary increase in prices unabatedly; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The subject matter is outside the scope of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 and of the Act under which the Rules have been framed.