

(wheat and rice) to the State Govts. and UT Adms. at Central Issue Prices, for Public Distribution System (PDS). Under a Scheme for population living in areas covered under the Integrated Tribal Development Project foodgrains are distri-

buted to the people living in these areas at further subsidised rates.

The quantity of PDS commodities allotted to and lifted by State Govt. of Rajasthan in 1989, 1990 and 1991 is as under:—

(in thousand tonnes)

	1989		1990		1991	
	Allo- cation	Lifting	Allo- cation	Lifting	Allo- cation (Jan- Jan- Aug)	Lifting (Jan- June)
Rice	39.20	7.40	38.40	13.30	26.60	8.00
Wheat	790.00	619.40	840.10	571.10	665.00	447.4
Levy Sugar	208.06	*	208.06	*	135.31	*
Imported Edible Oil	2.70	0.42	10.00	3.92	1.74	1.22
Kerosene	251.16	253.37	263.70	266.48	173.41	112.76@

*Lifting of levy sugar is nearly 100%.

@Upto May, 1991.

(c) Allocations of PDS items from the Central Pool are generally made well in time.

Price of Cement

3805. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the dates when the prices of cement were increased during the last three years, year-wise, and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government were aware of the frequent and some times twice a month increase in prices of cement by the industrialists;

(c) whether the Government have analysed from time to time the cost of production, the various types of taxes levied and the profit earned by the industrialists on each bag of cement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The FOR, price of naked cement in the heavy category was increased by

Rs. 47 per tonne during 1988-89 to compensate the industry for the increase in input costs. Price and distribution control of cement was removed with effect from 1-3-1989 and the market prices of cement are now determined, among other things, by the cost of production, transportation costs and local demand-supply position.

(c) and (d) The cost of production varies from region to region and from one cement unit to another. At present, there is no control on price and distribution of cement. No recent study has been conducted by the Government on the rates of return etc. of the Cement Industry.

[English]

Reconstitution of Planning Commission

3806. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the Planning Commission is proposed to be reconstituted; and