

allocating these four growth centres in June, 1988, was there any stipulation as regards the time-frame as and when they would be made ready for functioning, and, if so, what are the reasons for the delay? Why the fourth one has not been identified so far?

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: I have already mentioned that the scheme is to be implemented in the Eighth Five Year Plan. So, there is no delay. But there is a difficulty in identifying the fourth one because Orissa Government is insisting that they want two growth centres in one district which is not in accordance with the guidelines of the Central Government. This cannot be allowed also. We have already given a growth centre to the district of Cuttack and Orissa Government is asking for one more growth centre there. Anyhow, we cannot agree to it. Cuttack is not a backward district also. Therefore, I would request the hon. Member to take up with the Orissa Government to revise their proposal for another district which I would like to it be a backward district also.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Allocation of Essential Commodities

*888. **SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADYAY:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations of rice, wheat, edible oil and sugar made for the year 1991-92, north-wise, for distribution through PDS to West Bengal;

(b) whether the allocations were made according to the actual demand of the State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any gap between the demand and the allocation as also the allocation and the actual supply; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHEMD): (a) to (c). A statement showing the monthwise demand, allocation and offtake of rice, wheat and allocation and offtake of edible oil and sugar made for the year 1991-92 for distribution through PDS to West Bengal is annexed.

Allocations of PDS commodities are supplemental in nature and are not meant to meet the entire requirements of any State/ UT. Food grains are allocated by the Central Government taking into account various factors such as demand from State Governments/ UT Administrations, availability of stocks in Central Pool, inter se requirements of various States/ UTs, open market availability and seasonal factors. Allocations of levy sugar are made, generally, on a uniform norm of 425 grams per capita, monthly availability to the projected population as on 1.10.1986. Since August, 1991, an 5% ad-hoc increase in levy sugar allocations have been given to all States/ UTs. Only imported edible oil is allocated for distribution through PDS and its allocation is dependent on availability of stocks with the Central/ Government.

The details of the gap between the demand of West Bengal Government and allocations made as well as the details of the gap between allocations and actual offtake, may be seen in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Allocation/offtake of wheat, rice, levy sugar and edible oils to West Bengal from April, 1991 to March, 1992.

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Wheat			Rice			Edible Oils			Levy Sugar Allocation
	Demand	Allocation	Offtake	Demand	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
April, 91	130.00	100.00	67.00	150.00	65.00	50.10	0.00	2.08	25.89	
May, 91	130.00	100.00	81.50	150.00	65.00	50.90	0.60	0.28	25.89	
June, 91	130.00	90.00	77.90	150.00	69.00	55.40	0.00	0.19	25.89	
July, 91	130.00	90.00	69.90	150.00	69.00	53.90	0.00	0.08	25.89	
Aug., 91	130.00	90.00	83.40	150.00	81.00	60.90	0.00	0.00	25.89	
Sept., 91	108.00	90.00	83.40	150.00	87.00	60.90	0.00	0.00	28.48	
Oct., 91	108.00	90.00	69.60	95.00	83.00	73.50	1.50	2.31	31.98	
Nov., 91	130.00	90.00	75.80	150.00	75.00	58.70	1.50	0.00	30.18	

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Wheat		Rice			Edible Oils		Levy Sugar Allocation	
	Demand	Allocation	Offtake	Demand	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dec., 91	130.00	81.00	55.90	150.00	69.00	76.40	0.00	0.50	27.18
Jan., 92	130.00	81.00	71.00	150.00	69.00	56.20	1.50	0.71	27.18
Feb., 92	130.00	90.00	53.00	150.00	70.00	55.00	1.50	1.00	27.18
March, 92	130.00	90.00	73.40	150.00	70.00	54.00	Nil	0.59	27.18

Lifting of levy sugar is nearly 100%

Annual demand of imported edible oils in oil year 1990-91 (Nov., 91) was 180000 tonnes.