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### **Buffer Stock In North-Eastern States**

2981. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-availability of railway-wagons have badly affected the supply of foodgrains in North-Eastern States and the common consumer is forced to purchase wheat and rice from the local market at increased prices;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering to have 'Buffer-stock' in these States in order to control the distribution system; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). There is no problem regarding availability of rail wagons to FCI for transporting and delivering the foodgrains to States in the North-East against their monthly allocations. FCI is holding sufficient stocks of foodgrains in North-East to not only cater for requirements against current month's allocation but is also maintaining some buffer stocks. It is also continuing its endeavour to increase the induction foodgrains stocks in the North-East so that adequate buffer stocks are maintained by it.

### **Export of Levy Sugar by Sugar Mills**

2982. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy sugar exported by the sugar mills during 1990-91, State-wise;

(b) the target fixed in regard to export of levy sugar during 1990-91;

(c) whether the targets have been achieved and if so, to what extent; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d). Commercial exports are not undertaken from levy sugar. However, Government decided to supply 20,000 MT consumption, out of which a quantity of about 19,998 MT of levy sugar to Nepal during 1990-91 for their internal has been lifted. The balance of about 2 MT which could not be lifted is an insignificant quantity.

[*English*]

### **Subject of Insurance Introduced in Schools**

2983. SHRI ANANTRAODESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools where the subject of 'Insurance' has been introduced by the General Insurance Corporation for the purpose of providing employment;

(b) the criteria fixed for selection of these schools by General Insurance Corporation;

(c) the number of students in each of these schools; and

(d) the norms followed by GIC to check the student strength in these schools as per stipulated guidelines?