

Sugar Quota to Kerala

6696. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Kerala sugar is sold in retail for Rs. 6.50 upwards at present; and

(b) what is the monthly quota of sugar allotted to Kerala by the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Monthly levy sugar quota of 10,495 tonnes is being allotted to Kerala Government for distribution through fair price shops. Since Kerala Government are arranging the lifting of sugar from the factories through their own agency, the allotment orders against their monthly quotas are being issued on the factories in favour of the State Government.

So far as rise in open market prices of sugar in Kerala is concerned, it is a general feature in all the markets in the country and is mainly due to steep decline in sugar production in 1979-80 season and reduction in the overall availability of all the sweetening agents, namely sugar, gur and khandsari.

Archaeological finds in Pachala Village of Sawai Madhopur

6697. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the Pachala village of Sawai Madhopur, archaeological finds as old as 2100 years have been found;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a great possibility of getting more such antiques of historical importance along the river Vanas;

(c) the Central assistance which has been given to the States for carrying out excavations and the allocations made to the Rajasthan during the last two years and the names of the projects for which they were sanctioned; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance to the Archaeological Department of Rajasthan to carry out excavations along the River Vanas so that traces of ancient Indian civilisation could be located?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The valley of the Banas river is archaeologically quite potential.

(c) No financial assistance is given to the States by the Archaeological Survey of India for carrying out such excavations.

(d) Does not arise.

Slum Dwellers in Dharavi, Bombay

6698. SHRI RAMAKRISHNA MORE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a scheme through the Maharashtra Bank to rehabilitate the Slum dwellers from Dharavi (Bombay);

(b) if so, the particulars thereof; and

(c) when the proposed scheme is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) No such scheme has been formulated by the Government of India.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.