

**Edible Oils to Gujarat**

1681. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government have urged Union Government to release more quantity of edible oils to the State, in view of the unprecedented shortage of edible oil in the state;

(b) if so, the quantum of edible oils requested by the State; and

(c) the time by which enhanced supply is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDER SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat has requested for allotment of 20,000 MTs of Palmolein per month. Allocation of imported edible oil to States/U.Ts. for supply through Public Distribution System is made taking into account the Availability and other related factors. There has been a reduction in imports of edible oil due to foreign exchange constraints. Gujarat will continue to be given allocation of edible oil based on the above criteria.

**Issue of Notebooks on Concessional Rates**

1682. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students of educational institutions were provided notebooks on concessional rates;

(b) the number of notebooks provided to the students annually on concessional rates during the last three years;

(c) whether the notebooks which were made available to the students previously are not being provided in the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIRAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) to (d). A scheme for subsidised supply of white printing paper for the printing of school textbooks, exercise books and examination answer sheets was in operation till 1989-90.

Altogether under the scheme, the following quantity of paper was allotted and supplied to the States/UTs during the last three years:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Allotted in MTs</i>	<i>Supplied in MTs</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1987-88	80,000	79,438
1988-89	80,000	75,598
1989-90	80,000	28,663