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Pay scales of Doordarshan/AIR's Programme Assistants

3319. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay-scale of the Engineering Assistants has been revised to Rs. 2000—3200, whereas the pay scale of the Programme Assistants has remained un-revised;

(b) whether the pay-scale of these two categories of Information and Broadcasting personnel have remained identical for decades and right upto the acceptance of the Fourth Pay Commission recommendations; and

(c) the time by which the pay-scale of the Programme Assistants is likely to be revised?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). The pay-scale of Engineering Assistants had to be revised in compliance with Court judgement. However, keeping in view the previous parity between the pay scales of Engineering Assistants and Transmission Executives, the matter has already been taken up with the 5th Central Pay Commission and Ministry of Finance. But it is difficult to give any time frame for this.

Supply of Edible Oil

3320. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA:
SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of edible oil made by the State/Union Territory Government during 1995-96 and 1996-97, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the quantity of edible oil supplied to each State and Union Territory during the above period;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have requested the Union Government to increase the quota of edible oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the quota of edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). The demand of edible oil received from States/UTs during the years 1995 and 1996 and the allocation and lifting of imported edible oil by States/UTs during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 is indicated in the *Statement* attached.

(c) and (d). The States like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal have sought an increase in their monthly allocation of edible oil for PDS during 1996.

(e) Supply of imported edible oil through PDS is supplemental in view of foreign exchange constraints. The entire quantity of edible oil to be imported during 1996 has since been allocated in advance to States/UTs. Any revision in the quota of States/UTs is not possible at this stage.

STATEMENT*Demand, Allocation, Lifting of Imported Edible Oil for PDS*

(Figures in Tonnes)

State Name	*1995	1995-96		**1996	1996-97 @	
	Demand	Allocation	Lifting	Demand	Allocation	Lifting
Andhra Pradesh	80000	66600	39801	155000	49000	17220
Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	0	0	Nil	0	0
Assam	1200	1200	670	1300	1000	179
Bihar	Nil	200	0	31500	700	0
Goa	2900	4000	3125	5600	3200	1327
Gujarat	46000	49000	46091	63000	26000	13231

State Name	*1995	1995-96		**1996	1996-97 @	
	Demand	Allocation	Lifting	Demand	Allocation	Lifting
Haryana	500	200	264	Nil	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	650	1503	1188	1800	1400	204
Jammu & Kashmir	500	700	390	900	700	205
Karnataka	9000	11000	6622	12000	6000	4310
Kerala	Nil	0	203	4000	2000	89
Madhya Pradesh	2500	2500	0	Nil	0	0
Maharashtra	38000	30000	15130	49000	25000	12105
Manipur	800	900	307	7200	2100	633
Meghalaya	Nil	200	10	1800	700	100
Mizoram	1000	1300	398	3600	1400	153
Nagaland	2000	4100	3000	4500	2800	502
Orissa	14000	12000	3504	27000	7000	1040
Punjab	Nil	0	0	Nil	0	0
Rajasthan	300	400	0	2700	350	0
Sikkim	720	840	629	990	770	270
Tamil Nadu	10000	8000	5089	18000	7000	3483
Tripura	600	700	40	900	700	20
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	0	0	Nil	0	0
West Bengal	18500	17000	14903	40000	16000	7851
Andaman & Nicobar	75	150	50	225	175	25
Chandigarh	Nil	100	0	Nil	0	0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	560	640	423	720	560	210
Daman & Diu	625	875	460	1075	875	125
Delhi	2100	3300	2651	4500	2100	1089
Lakshdweep	180	290	250	360	230	31
Pondicherry	6664	4308	3057	8000	3300	1020
All India :	239374	222006	148255	425670	161310	65422

* April-October, 1995.

** February-October, 1996.

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