

4,557.42 metric tonnes of newsprint was made by Registrar of Newsprint for India during 1984-85.

(b) to (d). No, Sir. The overall availability of newsprint remained satisfactory. Adequate steps have also been taken to ensure uninterrupted supply of newsprint pending the finalization of the Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1985-86.

**Import of Palm Oil from
different countries**

5328. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the year since where Government

have been importing Palm Oil from different countries ;

(b) the total tonnes of Palm Oil imported from different countries during the last three years ; and

(c) the total tonnes of Palm Oil proposed to be imported from those countries during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) The import of edible oils including Palm Oil was canalised through State Trading Corporation with effect from 2.12.1978.

(b) The total quantity of Palm Oil imported during the last three years is as under :

Financial Year	Quantity imported (in lakh tonnes)
1982-83	5.16
1983-84	6.08
1984-85 (Provisional)	7.04

(c) The import of edible oils including Palm Oil during financial year 1985-86 will depend upon the actual availability of indigenous oils, likely demand for the edible oils, the availability of foreign exchange, price situation in the international market etc.

Supply of Foodgrains for NREP

5329. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has sought more foodgrains for NREP under which subsidised foodgrains are being supplied;

(b) if so, whether the present quantity of foodgrains is to be raised per manday ; and

(c) if so, the quantity to be raised per manday ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b). Foodgrains under regular NREP are distributed as part of the wages at the rate of 1 kg. per manday to the workers engaged under the programme. Allocation of foodgrains for different States/UTs. for the year 1985-86 have been worked out on this norm only.

(c) Question does not arise.

**Committee by Maharashtra Government
to Study the Cost of Production of
Cereals and Pulses**

5330. SHRI D.B. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND