

**Import of Spare Parts by Maruti Udyog Ltd.**

442. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited is still importing certain parts for their products ;

(b) if so, the amount spent on imports during the last three years, year-wise and item-wise ; and

(c) whether those items were not available indigenously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Foreign exchange out-flow (on fob basis) for components, including parts orders, and on spare parts, on actual cash-flow basis, has been as follows :

(in US \$ million)

Year	Components (fob)	Spare-parts (fob)
1984-85	62.138	0.500
1985-86	97.879	2.988
1986-87	154.647	4.083

(c) Only parts not available indigenously are allowed to be imported.

[Translation]

**Increase in Price of Vanaspati, Groundnut and Mustard Oils**

443. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the period January, 1987 to 31 October, 1987 the increase in the prices of vanaspati, groundnut and mustard oils has been the maximum as compared to that of the previous years ;

(b) if so, the prices fixed for the various types of these products ;

(c) the reasons for such steep rise in the prices of vanaspati, groundnut and mustard oils ;

(d) whether Government propose to fix the retail prices of vanaspati, groundnut and mustard oils ; and

(e) if so, the time by which the retail prices of these items will be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Percentage increase for January-October 1987 (upto 24-10-1987) in wholesale price index was highest for vanaspati during this year as compared to previous two years. For Groundnut oil and Mustard oil the percentage increases were the highest in 1986 for the same time period.

(b) Prices are not fixed by the Govern-ment for these products.

(c) The main reasons for rising trend in prices are :

(i) lower production of oilseeds during the last two years ;

(ii) lean seasons for edible oils ;

(iii) wayward behaviour of monsoon ;

(iv) lack of carryover stocks.

(d) and (e). The vanaspati industry is observing a voluntary price discipline since 26th August 1987. There is no proposal to fix retail prices of groundnut and mustard oils.

**Allocation of Essential Commodities to Bihar**

444. SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state how much wheat, rice, edible oil, sugar, kerosene oil and other essential commodities have been allocated for Bihar during the current year, monthwise ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) A statement is given below.

## Statement

## The Month-wise allocation of essential commodities in Bihar during 1987

Unit : '000 tonnes

Month	Rice	Wheat	Sugar	Edible oil	Kerosene oil	Soft Coke	Controlled Cloth	
							Cotton	Polyester Cotton Blended Shirt-ing
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
January	25.0	72.0	31.573	0.600	32.202	60.0	163.54	22.66
February	25.0	72.0	33.459	0.700	32.842	60.0	Lakh Sq. mtrs.	Lakh Sq. mtrs.
March	25.0	72.0	33.459	0.700	34.000	60.0		
April	25.0	72.0	33.459	0.700	33.495	60.0		(Annual entitlement)
May	25.0	72.0	33.459	0.700	32.795	60.0		
June	25.0	72.0	33.459	0.600	33.995	60.0		
July	25.0	72.0	33.459	0.600	37.622	60.0		
August	25.0	72.0	33.459	1.400	37.622	60.0		
September	25.0	100.0	38.498*	2.000	38.622	60.0		
October	40.0	110.0	38.498*	3.000	40.622	60.0		
November	40.0	110.0	33.459	3.000	34.327	60.0		

\*Includes a festival quota of 5,039 tonnes.