

**F.C.I. Storage Capacity**

207. SHRI T. BALA GOUD:  
SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE:  
DR. PHULRENU GUHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns and storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India at present;

(b) whether Government propose to augment its existing storage capacity in the country, especially in the light of the recent drought in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) As on 1.1.1988, the number of godowns with the Food Corporation of India, and hired taken together, was 1597 with a total storage capacity of 200.5 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Based on operational considerations, the Food Corporation of India, Central Warehousing Corporation and sixteen State Warehousing Corporations together are expected to augment the existing storage capacity further. It is expected that a capacity of 8.75 lakh tonnes in the current year and 8.00 lakh tonnes during 1988-89 will be added for storage of foodgrains.

**Import of Edible Oil**

209. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY:  
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:  
SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA:  
SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of edible oil imported from 1st January 1987 to 31 December 1987, month-wise;

(b) the countries from which the edible oil is imported;

(c) the price paid and the agency employed in importing the oil;

(d) the price at which it is released to the consumer; and

(e) the cost of importing and distributing the edible oil to the consumers and the profit made by the State Trading Corporation in the sale of imported edible oil to the consumers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) The quantity of edible oils imported from 1st January, 1987 to 31st December, 1987 month-wise is given as under :

<i>Month</i>	<i>Quantity imported (in MTS) (Provisional)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
January	171988
February	51255
March	85565
April	54044
May	86507
June	93070
July	139301
August	159106
September	204527

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October	295680
November	211733
December	169873

(b) The names of the countries from which the edible oils are normally shipped are as follows :

<i>Oil</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Soyabean Oil	USA, Brazil, Argentina and Europe
Rapeseed Oil	Canada, Europe, China
Palm Oil/ Palmolein	Malaysia & Indonesia

(c) State Trading Corporation is the canalising agency for importing edible oils. The total CIF value of imports from January to December, 1987 is Rs. 775.73 crores (Prov.)

(d) The central issue price at which imported edible oils are given to States/ Union Territories for Public Distribution System are as follows :

Rs. 11000/- PMT for bulk  
Rs. 12500/- PMT for tins

(e) The cost of importing, refining/tin-ning and distribution of oils to States/Union Territories is on Government account. The State Trading Corporation retains a margin of 1% of the landed cost of oil. Surplus or deficit on edible oils operations accrue to Government.

### Growth Centres for Telecommunication Facilities

210. SHRI E. AYYAPPU REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any growth centres have been identified for industrial development and infrastructure for establishing telecommunication facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Ministry of Industry has identified growth centres for development of infrastructural facilities in 'No Industry District'. A statement indicating the list of such growth centres is enclosed.

### STATEMENT

*Approved growth centres for development of infrastructural facilities in 'No Industry Districts'*

Name of the State/Union Territory & District	Growth Centre
1	2
1. RAJASTHAN	
1. Sirohi	1. Abu Road
	2. Pindwara
2. Jaisalmer	3. Pokaran
	4. Sanu Ramgarh
3. Churu	5. Churu
	6. Ratangarh
4. Barmer	7. Balotra
	8. Barmer