

बालों के बोक मूल्यों में हुए उतार-चढ़ाव का प्रतिशत नीचे दिया गया है :

जनवरी-मार्च के दौरान उतार-चढ़ाव का प्रतिशत

| | 1978 | 1977 |
|-------|-------|--------|
| बालें | + 0.4 | +13.2 |
| चना | + 1.5 | + 5.0 |
| अरहर | + 6.9 | +34.1 |
| मूंग | + 1.3 | + 28.7 |
| मसूर | -21.4 | -13.6 |
| उड़द | - 1.8 | +11.4 |

(ग) कृषि मूल्य आयोग की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर 1977-78 के विपणन मौसम के लिए चने के बारे में 125 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल के समर्थन मूल्य की घोषणा पहले ही की जा चुकी है। कृषि मूल्य आयोग ने अरहर (तुर) तथा मूंग के बारे में भी समर्थन मूल्यों की सिफारिश की है और तदनुसार सरकार द्वारा 155 रु० तथा 165 रु० प्रति क्विंटल की दर से समर्थन मूल्यों की घोषणा की गई है।

Deterioration in Colour of Tobacco

8515. SHRI RAM KISHAN;
SHRI CHATURBHUI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to deterioration in colour of tobacco long storage without redrying and development of funky smell have reduced the prices of tobacco thereby causing disappointment to the growers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to help the tobacco growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG):

(a) Development of funky smell in lower stalks of tobacco, when bundled in heaps at farmers' kutcha godowns is a usual phenomenon and not a new occurrence this year. Deterioration of colour under long storage conditions is mainly expected in brighter grades bulk of which has already been marketed and not in medium and low grades of tobacco. The large size of the crop, lower proportion of bright grade leaves of tobacco in Andhra Pradesh this year and indications of a somewhat weaker export demand are the factors primarily responsible for depression in prices.

(b) In order to relieve the situation, the Government have already directed the State Trading Corporation of India to purchase 10,000 metric tonnes of virginia tobacco on Government account. This quantity is over and above a quantity of 5,000 metric tonnes which the STC were already buying on their own account and risk to meet their estimated export requirements.

Export of Kendu Leaves to Pakistan

8516. SHRI GANANATH PRAHDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of Kendu leaves that have been exported from India