

Statement

Retail prices of edible oils as on 29-2-80 at selected centres.

(Rs. per Kg.)

Centre	Ground-nut oil	Gingelly oil	Mustard oil	Coconut oil	Vanas-pati
Hyderabad	10 80	12 80	15 00	16 60	12 20
Ahmedabad	10 10	12 00	13 50	17 00	12 20
Bangalore	10 60	13 00	13 50	16 00	13 00
Bhopal	10 50	N.A.	12 00	17 00	12 50
Bombay	10 40	12 50	13 00	18 00	12 00
Madras	10 20	13 00	15 00	17 00	13 00
Kanpur	10 50	16 50	2 80	17 00	13 00
Calcutta	18 00	15 00	14 00	22 00	14 00
Delhi	11 50	12 00	12 00	17 50	11 55

Setting up of a Steel Plant in Nigeria with USSR Collaboration

510. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and USSR are to collaborate in setting up of steel plant in Nigeria; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). Negotiations are being held between India and USSR with a view to obtaining some work for Indian public sector organisations in connection with the setting up of Ajaokuta Steel Plant in Nigeria.

Suspension of Export of Sugar

511. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to suspend the export of sugar this year to meet the scarcity in the domestic market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Export of sugar is being made only to the extent of the commitments already made under the International Sugar Agreement. Moreover STC through whom export of sugar is canalised has been asked not to procure any sugar for export from the open market.

New distribution Policy for Steel

512. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a new distribution policy for steel; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). There is no statutory control on distribution of steel at present. The distribution policy in respect of categories in short supply is, however, constantly under review and changes are made whenever necessary. The policy for 1980-81 in respect of such categories