

ensure finalisation of recruitment formalities quickly. The filling up of vacancies is being monitored at the headquarters and all possible steps are taken to have expeditious recruitment of the sanctioned posts.

Sale of spoiled Rice and Sugar at F.C.I. Godown, Mancherial, A.P.

4034. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India Godown at Mancherial in Andhra Pradesh has certified that certain quantity of rice and sugar is spoiled and recently sold more than 200 quintals of rice at Rs. 6/- per quintal to certain merchants in Tamilnadu, while the cost of the Gunny Bag which contained rice is more than Rs. 7 and sold sugar at Rs. 120 per quintal while the market price is about Rs. 600 per quintal; and

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of rice and sugar certified as spoiled during last one year in Food Corporation of India godowns and at what price these were sold and what is the procedure followed in their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) There are six bags of wet/sweated sugar available at F.C.I. godown at Mancherial and have not yet been disposed of. Only 8 bags of rice categorised as cattlefeed were issued at Rs. 32 to 36 per quintal.

(b) The specific quantities of damaged sugar/foodgrains in the last one year are not readily available. However, the total damaged sugar and foodgrains stocks with F.C.I. at present are: Sugar: 8046 tonnes and Foodgrains: 88,615 tonnes—Out of this 57 tonnes are damaged rice. Damaged sugar is disposed of by inviting tenders or by auction. The damaged foodgrains are first categorised into different lots as cattlefeed, poultry-feed and manure purpose etc. These stocks are offered to State Governments. If they do not accept such stocks, they are sold to approved/registered parties by inviting ten or through auction.

Sugar, Wheat, Rice and Coarse grains Demanded, Allocated and Supplied to Uttar Pradesh

4035. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy sugar, wheat, rice and coarse grains allocated and actually supplied to Uttar Pradesh from January, 1980 to-date, month-wise, as also from January, 1979 to May, 1979, month-wise; and

(b) the month-wise quantity of each of the above mentioned items demanded by Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) and (b). A statement is attached. During the period January, 1979 to May, 1979, no levy sugar was allotted as there was no control.