

mers, mother ships and factory ships; and

(c) the estimate total investment for mechanised fishing crafts in India as on 1st January, 1980 and what is the share of investment of the public sector in it?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Mass Transfers in F. C. I.

2319. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is discontentment in the Food Corporation of India because of the mass transfers of Class I officers of the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to remove this feeling?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) Government are not aware of any discontentment in the Food Corporation of India over the transfers of category I Officers. These have had to be made on account of promotions within that category to higher levels, promotions from category II to category I posts, superannuation, resignation and return of deputationists, and other administrative reasons.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Support Prices fixed for Agricultural Produce

2320. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUHDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the support prices fixed for the agricultural produce as wheat, paddy, sugarcane, cotton,

onion, potato, other cereals and pulses, State-wise; and

(b) what are the differences between the support price and market price of above items from 1st January, 1979 to 31st March, 1980, State-wise and month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) A statement showing procurement/support prices announced by the Government in 1978-79 and 1979-80 in respect of wheat, paddy, sugarcane, cotton, onion, jowar, bajra, maize, gram, arhar and moong is enclosed (Statement I).

(b) The procurement/support price relates to fair average quality of each of the above agricultural commodities whereas market prices vary from variety to variety and market to market. It will therefore, not be realistic to indicate unique differences between the market prices and procurement/support prices for the above commodities

#### Statement I

Procurement Prices of food grains  
According to marketing year)

(Rs per quintal)

Commodity	1978-79	1979-80
1	2	3
Paddy (Standard)	85.00*	95.00†
Jowar	85.00	95.00
Bajra	85.00	95.00
Maize	85.00	95.00
Wheat	112.50	115.00

\* For coarse varieties.

† For common varieties (Long Bold/Short Bold)

*Minimum Support Prices of Agricultural Commodities*

(According to Marketing Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	1978-79	1979-80	
	1	2	3
Grain . . . . .	125 00	140 00	
Arhar . . . . .	155 00	165 00	
Moong . . . . .	165 00	175 00	
Urad . . . . .	N.A.	175 00	
Cotton . . . . .	255 00	275 00	
(America 320-F)		(320-F/ 414-F/J34)	
Onion . . . . .	N.A.	40 00	
Potato . . . . .	N.A.	N.A.	
Sugarcane . . . . .	10 00*	12 50*	

N.A.— Not announced.

\* These prices are linked to a recovery of 8.5 percent or below with a premium of 11.76 and 14.71 paise per quintal for every 0.1 percent increase in recovery above 8.5 percent, during 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons respectively.

**Investment of National Income on Primary, Secondary and University Education**

2321. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the investment of national income on primary, secondary and university education during successive five year plans, separately;

(b) whether more investment would be made in future in the expansion and qualitative improvement of primary education; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) A statement giving the percentage of plan allocations under Education for primary, secondary and university education during successive five year plans is enclosed. A separate statement giving the percentage of Government expenditure on education to National Income in different years is also enclosed.

(b) and (c). The question of increasing investment for expansion and qualitative improvement of elementary education will be given due consideration while formulating the Five Year Plan, 1980—85.

**Statement I**

*Investment of National Income on Primary, Secondary and University Education*

Plans	Percentage of Plan allocation under Education for selected sub-sectors		
	Elementary Education	Secondary Education	University Education
First Plan . . . . .	58	13	9
Second Plan . . . . .	35	19	18
Third Plan . . . . .	34	18	15
Fourth Plan . . . . .	30	18	25
Fifth Plan . . . . .	32	19	23
Draft-Sixth Plan (1978—83)	45	14	13