

सरकार आन्तरिक खपत के लिए फैक्ट्रियों से मासिक आधार पर लेवी और मुक्त विक्री की चीनी निर्मुक्त करती है। चीनी फैक्ट्रियों के पास 22-11-1980 तक 3.49 लाख मीटरी टन चीनी का स्टॉक था। वर्तमान मौसम 1980-81 में 22 नवम्बर तक चीनी का उत्पादन पहले ही 2.55 लाख मीटरी टन के स्तर पर पहुंच चुका है और नये उत्पादन से चीनी के स्टॉक की आन्तरिक खपत के लिए निर्मुक्त की जा रही है। आन्तरिक खपत के लिए चीनी की वर्तमान आवश्यकता 4 लाख मीटरी टन प्रति मास के आस पास है।

#### Drinking water Hill Areas

2843. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state whether there is any scheme of the Government for providing drinking water to the people of Hill area specially the residents of Muzafarabad Development Block of District Saharanpur (U.P.)?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): The target is to provide safe drinking water to all problem villages during the Sixth Plan period with resources in the State Sector supplemented by the grants under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Schemes for this purpose are drawn up and implemented by State Governments and these will also cover problem villages identified in the hill areas and Muzafarabad Development Block of District Saharanpur (U.P.).

#### Criteria for Appointment of a Member to Agricultural Prices Commission

2844. SHRI G. S. NIHAL SINGH WALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the criteria and conditions for appointment of members of the Agricultural Prices Commission and whether there is any proposal with the Government that practical agriculturist should be made a member of the Agricultural Prices Commission with all the relevant qualifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): The sanctioned strength of the Agricultural Prices Commission consists of a Chairman and three Members including the Member Secretary. The Chairman should be an economist of repute with experience in Agricultural Economics. One of the Members should be a non-official with understanding of agricultural, production and consumer problems. Of the two remaining Members including the Member Secretary, one should be an economist with statistical background and the other an economist or an agricultural expert or an administrator with experience of agriculture.

The Chairman, Agricultural Prices Commission is an Agricultural Economist of repute. The post of Member earmarked for a non-official with understanding of agricultural production and consumer problems has also been filled by the appointment of Ch. Randhir Singh. There is, therefore, no proposal at present under the consideration of the Government to appoint another practical agriculturist as a Member of the Agricultural Prices Commission.

#### Amount of National Award to Teachers

2845. SHRI P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the amount of national award to