

**Co-relation between wholesale and Retail price of Essential Commodities**

1614. SHRI SATISH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in September 1980 the Minister had declared that Government will take drastic action against trade and industry if the retail price do rule in accordance with the wholesale price;

(b) What is the present co-relation between the wholesale price and the retail price of essential commodities in the five Metropolitan cities of our country; and

(c) whether Government feel happy about the present co-relationship between the two prices and if not, what drastic steps they propose to take to rationalise the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY):

(a) to (c). The Union Minister of Civil Supplies has made no such statement. Conclusive co-relationship between the wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities has yet to be determined. To keep them in line with each other, several measures have been taken which include expansion and streamlining of the public distribution system. The network of consumer cooperatives is also being expanded. Efforts are being made to improve the transportation of goods so as to avoid localised shortages of temporary nature. From time to time State Governments are being requested to vigorously implement various provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and orders issued thereunder including stocks and price display order. Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rule, 1977 and the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980.

**जोधपुर को जाने वाली विमान सेवा को नियमित करना**

1615. श्री अशोक गहलोत : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोधपुर के लिए सप्ताह में तीन दिन विमान सेवा हाल ही में आरम्भ की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इस सेवा को नियमित करने का है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनन्त प्रसाद शर्मा) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग). पर्यटकों की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करने के लिए, इस सेवा का परिचालन शीतकालीन समयावधि के दौरान अर्थात् मार्च, 1981 के अन्त तक जारी रखने का प्रस्ताव है । उसके पश्चात् समयावधि में यातायात की मांग की पूर्ति करने के लिए फेर-बदल किया जा सकता है ।

**Lifting of ban on export of Mutton**

1616. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have very recently lifted the ban on the export of mutton on the behest of mutton exporters;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that this will cause big rise in the internal market price of mutton which will be outside the reach of the most of the people;

(c) what is the reason for this sudden decision in a protein starved country;