

ber 1980 ranged from Rs. 7.30 to Rs. 8.00 per kg. and Rs. 7.40 to Rs. 7.60 per kg. respectively

Annual Demand of sugar of Haryana

1922. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual demand of sugar by Haryana; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). With the reintroduction of partial control on sugar with effect from 17-12-1979, the State-wise monthly levy sugar quotas as obtaining during partial control period immediately prior to decontrol of sugar on 16-8-1978, have been revived.

Accordingly, Haryana Government is getting a monthly levy sugar quota of 4,916 tonnes for distribution through fair price shops. In addition a small quantity is also being allotted to meet the requirement of BSF and CRPF.

In March 1980, Haryana Government had requested for increase in their monthly levy sugar quota from 4,916 to 8,500 tonnes. However, due to limited availability of levy sugar it has not been possible to consider the request of various State Governments including Haryana for increase in the monthly quota.

Fall in off-take of fertilisers in Haryana

1923. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertiliser off-take has slowed down in Haryana;

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(b) if so the reasons thereof and to what extent; and

(c) its effect in coming crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Fertilised consumption in Haryana has been increasing, as will be seen from the following figures:

Year	Fertiliser Consumption (lakh tonnes of nutrients)
1978-79	2.04
1979-80	2.16
1980-81 (Estimated)	2.48

The growth rate in consumption was only 5.9 per cent in 1979-80 as compared to 1978-79 because of the severe drought conditions in the State. However, the growth rate is estimated at 14.8 per cent in 1980-81. It will, thus, be seen that fertiliser consumption has not slowed down in Haryana.

(c) Question does not arise.

Bread shortage in Delhi

1924. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item 'Bread shortage assured for a while' in the capital appearing in the 'Times of India' New Delhi dated the 30th January, 1981;

(b) if so, the reasons for this shortage and action proposed to be taken against the big manufacturers in the private sector;

(c) whether Government are aware that the price of bread has also been