

(b) whether Government have decided to review its earlier policy in view of the satisfactory wheat production in the country during 1981-82 to set up more such mills in small scale sector to meet the demands of the people especially in economically backward States like Orissa where the States have been sponsoring such cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The ban on the setting up of roller flour mills which had been in force since February, 1973 was partially lifted between the period from 29-6-79 to 24-5-1980. During this period the State Governments were authorised to permit setting up of small scale units up to 30 tonnes per day capacity. Of these, 174 have applied to Central Government for issuing licences under I. (D&R) Act, 1951. They are under examination.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

Loss of Rabi Crop in Karnataka

9553. SHRI K. B. CHOUDHARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss of Rabi crop in Karnataka due to drought conditions;

(b) the impact thereof on the prices of foodgrains; and

(c) the arrangements made by Central Government to supply foodgrains to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The estimate is being awaited from the State Government and on receipt shall be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) A statement showing wholesale prices of foodgrains in the Karnataka is attached.

(c) Having regard to the overall availability of foodgrains in the Central pool and the demand of the State Governments, the Central Government has been allotting foodgrains every month to the States including Karnataka for supply through the Fair Price Shops. Movement of adequate stocks is also being ensured.

Statement

Whole-sale prices of foodgrains in Karnataka

(Rs. per quintal)

Centre	Variety	Year	Jan. end	Feb. end	March end	April	
						18th*	25th*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
P A D D Y							
Bangalore	Long Body	1981	147	147	145	NA	NA
		1980	110	110	110	120	120
Shimoga	Coimbatore	1981	120	..	..	163	163
		1980	100	102	107	113	115
Sagar	Coarse	1981	123	..	..	162	..
		1980	102	103	114	113	112

NOTE : NA: Not Available.

*Prices of paddy relate to 11th and 18th April respectively.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<i>R I C E</i>							
Shimoga	Coarse	1981	165	210	210	210	212
		1980	155	158	155	160	160
Nandgad	Do.	1981	184	214	250	241	240
		1980	155	160	168	168	174
Mysore	Do.	1981	215	235	238	238	245
		1980	195	190	200	200	195
Mangalore	Do.	1981	245	260	270	275	280
		1980	215	210	210	210	210
Bangalore	Do.	1981	200	260	230	240	250
		1980	185	220	225	225	225
<i>W H E A T</i>							
Bangalore	Bansi	1981	216	240	220	232	235
		1980	225	220	225	225	196
<i>J O W A R</i>							
Gulbarga	White	1981	135	150	165	185	180
		1980	140	120	112	118	120
Hubli	Do.	1981	180	185	190	230	230
		1980	170	140	135	135	140
Bangalore	Do.	1981	135	150	160	170	170
		1980	110	110	110	120	120
Bijapur	Do.	1981	118	110	128	130	130
		1980	95	88	..	..	..
<i>B A J R A</i>							
Bellary	Green	1981	123	125	126	126	127
		1980	98	90	97	..	97
Bangalore	Do.	1981	130	190	180	180	180
		1980	108	110	120	120	120
<i>R A G I</i>							
Bangalore . . . .	..	1981	175	180	165	166	170
		1980	100	100	100	100	100