

or who is interested in the development, manufacture, packaging, distribution, sale or advertisement of all types of foods including protein foods, to improve the national diet in India. It is not controlled by Government.

The Association has informed that it had organised a two-hour discussion for clarifying issues on food safety of interest to the public. This was a question-answer session covering areas such as micro-biological problems; contamination; food additives; food adulteration; effect of processing and storage on nutritive value of food; and dietary component of health. They had invited public at large through press announcement and invitations to service organisations. A panel of experts answered questions and it included individual experts and representatives of particular organisations. The Association did not have any recommendation to make; nor is any report submitted to Government.

### Prices of Foodgrains Sugar and Edible Oil

4024. SHRI A.T. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) prices of foodgrains such as wheat, rice, sugar and edible oil, in Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras and in an average village prevailing in the first half of August, 1981 in open market for consumer and in fair price shops;

(b) prices of wheat, paddy and other foodgrains, sugarcane, and oilseed received by the producer in different States in the first half of August 1981;

(c) per unit cost of conversion of (i) paddy into rice, (ii) sugarcane

into sugar and (iii) oil seeds into oil, in first half of August 1981, and the per unit yield of the final product; and

(d) prices of by-products from per unit of paddy, sugarcane and oil seeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) Retail prices of foodgrains, sugar and edible oils in Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras prevailing in the first half of August 1981 in open market for consumer is placed at Annexure I. [Placed in library. See No. LT-2818/81] Prices at the village level are not maintained. Prices of foodgrains, sugar and edible oils in Fair Price shops in the first half of August 1981 are given at Annexure II. [Placed in library. See No. LT-2818/81].

(b) Wholesale prices of foodgrains, sugar and oilseeds at selected centres in different States in the first half of August 1981 are given in Annexure III. [Placed in library. See No. LT-2818/81] The procurement prices of foodgrains fixed by the Government are given in Annexure IV. [Placed in library. See No. LT-2818/81] The range of sugarcane prices paid by sugar factories in different States during 1980-81 are given in Annexure-V. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2818/81].

(c) Conversion cost of paddy into rice and oilseeds into oil depends upon the level of processing charges, statutory charges, like purchase tax, mandi tax etc., imposed by the State Governments; incidental charges and conversion ratios of different varieties in different States. As regards sugarcane into sugar conversion cost is not separately worked out month-wise. For the purpose of notification of levy prices

for 1980-81 season, conversion cost worked out (all-India average) per quintal of sugar was Rs. 84.78 (excluding return).

Statement giving recovery ratios of final products of paddy, sugarcane and oilseeds are given in Annexure VI. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2818/81].

(d) Wholesale prices of major by-products such as Rice, Bran from paddy, Molasses from sugar and oilcakes from oilseeds are given in Annexure VII (a to c). [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2818/81].

### **Resettlement Colonies to be setup by DDA**

4025. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has submitted a scheme to the Centre for setting up more resettlement colonies for the jhuggies dwellers in the capital;

(b) the number of jhuggies in the capital at present; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the resettlement scheme?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that there are about 70,000 jhuggies in Delhi at present.

(c) This has not been worked out as Delhi Administration has sought certain clarifications from the Delhi Development Authority.

### **Irrigation Facilities in Bihar**

4026. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar State lacks irrigation facilities and comparatively the steps proposed by the Central Government to develop the irrigation facilities in the State and the estimate cost thereof;

(b) the total area under irrigation in the State at present and the expected increase after additional irrigation facilities are developed; and

(c) whether the Centre propose to provide sufficient outlay for irrigation project in the State and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) No, Sir. According to the latest available irrigation Statistics (1977-78) Bihar had 32.7 percent of the gross sown area under irrigation against the All India figures of 26.6 per cent.

(b) The total area under Irrigation in the Bihar State at the end of 1979-80 was 4787 thousand hectares and the ultimate irrigation potential 12400 thousand hectares.

(c) Outlays for irrigation projects are provided by the concerned State Government from their funds. The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 1050.70 crores for the Irrigation Schemes including Command Area Development works in the Bihar State during the Sixth Plan (1980-85).

### **Promotion of Khadi and Village Industries**

4027. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU : Will the Minister of RURAL