

**Price rise of Vegetables and Vanaspati
Ghee**

2071. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of vegetables and vanaspati ghee have been rising steadily despite good rains in the various parts of the country ;

(b) if so, to what extent the prices of the major vegetable like tomatoes, onions, potatoes and various vanaspati and edible oils have increased during the past three months indicating the comparative prices in August and October 1983 ; and

(c) steps taken or being taken to keep these prices under check ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND

CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO) : (a) There has been some increase in the prices of vegetables during the past few months but the price of Vanaspati has remained more or less steady.

(b) The index number of wholesale prices of tomatoes, onions, potatoes and various edible oils including vanaspati for the months of August, September and October, 1983 are indicated in a statement.

(c) For making essential commodities available to the consumers at reasonable prices, the main thrust of the Government policy is to increase the production of various commodities. The Public Distribution System is being expanded. Some commodities are being imported. The export of essential commodities is regulated. The State Government and Union Territory Administrations are enforcing the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and similar legislations.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Wholesale Price Index Numbers of selected commodities in August, September, and October, 1983.

	August	(Base year 1970-71 = 100)	
		September (P)	October (P)
Potatoes	246.5	274.2	258.3
Onions	461.8	541.8	535.6
Tomatoes	322.8	306.6	328.0
Vanaspati	256.2	256.5	254.5
Groundnut Oil	342.9	352.0	335.4
Mustard Oil	281.1	286.7	294.2
Coconut Oil	302.6	315.8	336.5
Gingelly Oil	291.1	286.6	276.7
Kardi Oil	354.4	351.9	357.5
Cottonseed Oil	321.1	318.7	307.4

(P) = Provisional

**Land Covered by Irrigation, Rainfall, River
and Canal Waters and by Well Water**

2072. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the latest assessed estimate about the extent of land in the country (State-wise) covered by (1) assured rainfall (2) by adequate irrigation by means of river and canal waters and (3) by well water irrigation and (4) with no irrigation at all ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : Land use Statistics are published by the Ministry of Agriculture and the latest published figures and for the year 1978-79. Statewise figures for that year relating to cultivable area with assured rainfall, area irrigated by surface water, area irrigation are shown in the statement enclosed.