

**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.

## STATEMENT

## STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF CULTIVABLE AREA, IRRIGATED AREA BY SURFACE WATERS, WELLS AND TUBEWELLS AND CULTIVABLE AREA WITH NO IRRIGATION

(Area in ,000' ha.)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	+Cultivable area more or less getting assured rainfall for one crop.	Area irrigated by Surface waters (net.)	Area irrigated by wells & tubewells.	Cultivable area with no irrigation
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8629	2930	725	12132
2.	Assam	3288	572	—	2716
3.	Bihar	9439	1943	1017	8800
4.	Gujarat	3823	369	1346	10734
5.	Haryana	2176	1123	795	1882
6.	Himachal Pradesh	797	87	2	708
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	433	302	3	764
8.	Karnataka	2047	1052	357	11343
9.	Kerala	2463	186	42	2235
10.	Madhya Pradesh	17597	1372	943	20316
11.	Maharashtra	11592	795	1101	19223
12.	Manipur	164	65	—	99
13.	Meghalaya	1105	48	—	1067
14.	Nagaland	705	54	—	651
15.	Orissa	6699	1001	147	6367
16.	Punjab	4284	1419	1843	1052
17.	Rajasthan	11176	1165	1730	23523
18.	Sikkim	67	10	—	57
19.	Tamil Nadu	3610	1804	1069	5648
20.	Tripura	350	29	—	321
21.	Uttar Pradesh	17473	3670	5222	12146
22.	West Bengal	4489	1472	17	4793
23.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	72	—	—	72
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	377	24	—	353
25.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	23	—	1	22
26.	Delhi	99	22	39	38
27.	Goa, Daman & Diu	228	13	—	215
28.	Lakshadweep	3	—	—	3
29.	Mizoram	584	8	—	576
30.	Pondicherry	36	16	11	9
	GRAND TOTAL	113828	21551	16410	147825

(\*) Area under assured rainfall has been worked out as total cultivable *minus* area assured culturable area in drought prone districts.