

(SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) :
As reported by DDA.

(a) 599, as per the latest decision.

(b) The price ranges between Rs. 7,20,000/- to Rs 15,65,600/- depending upon the size and type of flat. The price is inclusive of the cost of the fixtures, furniture, garrage, servant quarters, etc. to the extent provided.

(c) The brochures for disposal of these flats are on sale and last date for the sale of brochure is 30-12-83.

(d) to (f) Since the last date for receipt of application is 30-12-83, it is premature to make any assessment of the response.

Scheme for Better Return to Banana and Orange Growers in Maharashtra

4253. SHRIMATI USHA PRAKASH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India has prepared schemes for better return to the growers of bananas and oranges in various region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the help and benefits to accrue from these schemes to small growers of fruits in the State and when it would come into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), has a programme for marketing of bananas,

oranges and other fruits. The programme extends to Maharashtra also.

(b) NAFED's programme covers procurement of fruits appropriately graded and packed, quality control, transport, cold storage and marketing of fruits at Delhi.

(c) NAFED, being a national level organisation, operates mainly through local cooperative societies in the States. NAFED will be dealing with the local cooperatives in Maharashtra for purpose of procuring bananas and oranges from the growers. Operations of the NAFED are intended to provide better return to the fruit growers.

Rise in Prices of Coconut Oil

4254. SHRI M. RAJASHEKHARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn to the unprecedented high level of prices of coconut oil in the country; and

(b) the steps proposed by Government to control and increase the availability of this common edible oil in the market ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from the steps being taken by the State Governments, the major thrust of the Central Government policy is to increase production. A Coconut Development Board has been set up with head-quarters at Cochin to look after the development of coconuts. As a short term measure the allocation of imported palmolein to all the Southern States under the Public Distribution System has been increased since April, 1983.