

**Bringing of more items under the  
Public Distribution System**

1197. SHRI MADHAVRAO  
SCINDIA :  
SHRI PIYUSH TIRKI :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have lately been considering the question of bringing more consumer items under the Public Distribution Scheme ;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard ; and

(c) what steps have been taken in pursuance thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M. S. SANJEEVI RAO) : (a) to (c) The Central Government is already supplying seven essential commodities, namely, wheat, rice, sugar, edible oils, soft coke, kerosene and controlled cloth to the State/Union Territories for distribution under the Public Distribution System. While it has not decided to add any other commodity, the States/Union Territories are being advised from time to time to add other commodities of mass consumption for distribution through Public Distribution System, for which they can make arrangement on their own. Many States/Union Territories have been supplying additional items of consumer goods through Public Distribution System. Recently, the Central Government had held discussions with the manufacturers of toilet soap, razor blades, torch cells, matches and cycle tyres and tubes, who have agreed to supply these commodities to the States or agencies nominated by them in this behalf, at the rates they supply to their wholesale distributors, for sale of such products through fair price shops. The States/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to take advantage of this arrangement.

**कृषि पर श्वेत पत्र**

1198. श्री रामलाल राही : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ राष्ट्रीय नेताओं से कृषि उत्पादन और अनुसंधान, पशु प्रजनन और बाढ़ नियंत्रण के बारे में किए गए प्रयासों की असफलता पर श्वेत पत्र निकालने की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस बारे में श्वेत पत्र कब निकालेगी;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना) : (क) से (ग) हाल ही में कुछ समाचार पत्रों में ऐसी मांग छपी है। भारतीय कृषि द्वारा प्रदर्शित समुत्थान शक्ति, क्षमता तथा प्रगति को देखते हुए, जिसका कि भारत तथा विदेश में व्यापक रूप से स्वागत किया गया है, इस सम्बन्ध में श्वेत-पत्र जारी करने का प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

**Import of Sugar**

1199. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL :

SHRI K.A. RAJAN :

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA:

Will the the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finally decided about the quantum of sugar that will have to be imported during 1984 ;