

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) On the Bihar side the construction of main canals and branches of Gandak Project is almost complete except that on Tirhut Main Canal. The Tirhut Main Canal has been completed upto RD 704 out of a total length upto RD 909 and the balance works are in progress. The work on the distribution systems is in progress.

On the Uttar Pradesh side, the Main western Gandak Canal (Mile 11-8 to 81-5-275), Power House Escape (Nepal benefit scheme), Bheri Escape and Manjharua Escape have been completed. Out of 98 masonry structures on main canal, 95 have been completed and work is in progress on the remaining 3 structures. The work on the Naraini and Deoria branches is nearing completion. A major portion of the distribution system has also been completed and the remaining work would be completed during 1975-76.

(b) The project is scheduled to be completed by 1980-81.

Ration Shops in Scarcity Areas of Tripura

1860. SHRI BIREN DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether ration shops have not been opened in scarcity areas of Tripura; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to save the lives of starving people in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). Distribution of Foodgrains through fair price shops/ration shops is the responsibility of the State Government. Keeping in view the overall availability of Foodgrains in the Central pool, the needs of other deficit States, local availability and other relevant factors

maximum possible quantities of food-grains are being supplied to the Government of Tripura every month for meeting the requirements of the public distribution system in the State. The Government of Tripura have reported that though there are deficit pockets within the State, these are fully covered by the fair price shops and more shops are opened, wherever considered necessary.

राजभाषा कार्य के लिये पद

1861. श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल : क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मन्त्रालय/विभाग में राजभाषा हिन्दी के कार्य के लिए कौन-कौन से पद किन्तनी संख्या में स्वीकृत किये गये हैं और उन के भर्ती नियम क्या हैं ?

(ख) क्या इन में से कई पदों पर नियमित नियुक्तियां नहीं की गई हैं और कुछ पदों पर विभागीय कर्मचारियों को ही तदर्थ रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) नियमित नियुक्तियां करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मन्त्रालय तथा संस्कृति विभाग में उप-मंत्री (श्री डी० पी० यादव) : (क) से (ग) विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [ग्रन्थ, ख. में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या एल टी 9060/75]

Release of Levy and Free Sale Sugar and Profits earned by Sugar Mills

1862. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state.

(a) month-wise release of (i) Levy and (ii) free sale sugar during 1974;

(b) price per kg. of (i) Levy and (ii) free sale sugar month-wise during 1974;

(c) whether it has been alleged that the sugar mill owners have earned windfall profits of Rs. 17-18 crores per month during 1974; and

(d) if so, what are the facts thereof and the reasons why retail price of free sale sugar is on the increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) A statement showing monthwise releases of levy and free sale sugar during 1974 is attached—Annexure I.

(b) The retail price of levy sugar fixed at Rs. 2.15 per kg. in December, 1972 continues to remain unchanged. Another Statement showing the month-end (Friday) retail prices or

free sale sugar at selected centres during 1974 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 9061/75.]

(c) and (d) No such allegations have come to the notice of the Government. However, a news item published in the 'Economic Times' of 25th September, 1974 stated that the sugar industry had earned profits to the tune of Rs. 18 crores i.e. Rs. 6 crores in August and Rs. 12 crores in September, in addition to their normal profit, due to a steep rise in the price of free sale sugar. The position in this regard was explained in reply to Unstarred Question No. 965 ble Member and another. The prices of free sale sugar have, however, exhibited a declining trend since December, 1974

**Statement
ANNEXURE**

Statement showing monthly releases of levy and free sale sugar during 1974

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Month	Levy quota	Free sale quota	Total
1974			
1. January	2 00	1 05	3 05
2. February	2 00	1 05	3 05
3. March	2 00	1 05	3 05
4. April	2 00	1 05	3 05
5. May	2 00	1 05	3 05
6. June	1 90	0 90	2 80
7. July	1 80	0 80	2 60
8. August	1 80	0 80	2 60
9. September	1 80	0 80	2 60
10. October	1 80	0 80+0 25*	2 60+0 25*
11. November	1 80	0 80+0 25*	2 60+0 25*
12. December	1 80	0 80	2 60

*Additional free sale release for festivals.