

न्यूनतम मूल्य और पेरार्ई की अनुमानित अक्षयि के आधार पर लगाया गया था । इन मूल्यों का जोनवार न कि फैक्ट्रीवार हिसाब लगाया गया था । मध्य प्रदेश क्षेत्र में स्थित फैक्ट्रियों के लिये 1972-73 और 1973-74 के दौरान डी-ग्रेड की लेवी चीनी का मूल्य क्रमशः 19.3 16 रुपये और 178 65 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल था । गन्ने की पर्याप्त सप्लाई सुनिश्चित करना राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है ।

(ग) इस फैक्ट्री ने सर्वप्रथम 1971-72 में 26-2-72 को अपना पेरार्ई कार्य शुरू किया था । फैक्ट्री ने 1971-72, 1972-73 और 1973-74 में क्रमशः 656, 3881 और 26,110 मी० टन गन्ना खरीदा था । मिल की गन्ना पेरने की स्थापित क्षमता 1250 मी० टन प्रति दिन है । वास्तविक क्रय-क्षमता फैक्ट्री के क्षेत्र में गन्ने की उपलब्धता और फैक्ट्री की गन्ना खरीदने की वित्तीय क्षमता आदि पर निर्भर करती है ।

मध्य प्रदेश में ग्रामीण रोजगार के लिये द्रुत कार्यक्रम क्रियान्वित किया जाना

910. श्री हुकम चन्द कछबाय : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह दर्शाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में द्रुत कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत ग्रामीण रोजगार के लिये इस समय कितनी योजनाएँ क्रियान्वित की जा रही हैं ,

(ख) क्या राज्य के मुरैना और उज्जैन जिलों में ऐसी कोई योजना क्रियान्वित की जा रही है और यदि हाँ, तो अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है , और

(ग) इन जिलों में उक्त योजनाओं पर कितनी खर्चा खर्च हुई है और होने का अनुमान है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब पी० शिन्दे) (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रखी जायेगी ।

Food Position in the Country

911 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether speaking at a public function in Jaipur on 22nd December, 1974, he claimed that "the food crisis in the country had ended",

(b) if so, the basis of such optimistic statement,

(c) how far the slight decline in the wholesale price index of food-grains during October to December, 1974 has been reflected in the retail prices,

(d) whether he is aware of the observations of the RBI in its report on currency and finance 1973-74 viz, "it is necessary to emphasize that recent changes have been more in price expectations than in actual prices, particularly at the retail level , and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB P SHINDE) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The over-all food situation has shown an improvement since the last quarter of 1974. Market availability of foodgrains has become relatively easy and their prices are, by and large,

steady. The winter rains in several parts of North India have proved beneficial to Rabi crops and if weather conditions are favourable in the remaining part of the season, rabi production may be expected to register a substantial increase this year.

(c): The All India index number of wholesale price of food grains (Base: 1961-62=100) declined by 7.8 per cent from 440.3 at the end of September, 1974 to 406.1 at the end of December, 1974. The All India average consumer price index number of food (Base: 1960—100) for industrial workers declined by 1.3 per cent from 382 in September, 1974 to 377 in November, 1974 (latest available so far).

(d) and (e). Government are aware of the observations of the Reserve Bank of India and are keeping a close watch on the situations.

Demand and Production of Vanaspati

912. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

SHRIMATI ROZA
DESHPANDE:

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) total demand and production of Vanaspati in the country, month-wise, from March, 1974 to January, 1975;

(b) retail controlled price of this commodity region-wise and month-wise from March 1974 to January,

1975; and whether it has been alleged that Vanaspati is not available at controlled price in the open market;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that statutory price control on this commodity has recently been lifted; and

(e) if so, on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) the demand for vanaspati in the country during the period March, 1974 to January, 1975 is estimated at 42,000 tonnes per month. The production during this period was as shown below:—

Month	Production (tonnes)
March 1974	42,229
April, 1974	40,430
May, 1974	35,152
June, 1974	17,748
July, 1974	25,494
August, 1974	18,340
September, 1974	14,080
October, 1974	21,255
November, 1974	31,152
December, 1974	29,926
January, 1975	38,604

(b) and (c). The retail prices of vanaspati in the different zones, exclusive of sales tax, during the period March, 1974 to January, 1975, as notified by the Government, were as shown below: