

(b) The required information in respect of sugar and cottonseed mills is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. *Placed in Librry. See No. LT-13.]* Information in respect of rice mills is being collected.

(c) The wholesale prices per quintal of sugar for controlled distribution and in the free market as on 30th June, 1969 were as under:—

	<i>Delhi</i>	<i>Kanpur</i>	<i>Calcutta</i>	<i>Bombay</i>	<i>Madras</i>
Controlled	181.0	163.8	170.0	148.0	187.0
Distribution	245.0	230.0	238.0	228.0	222.0
Free Sale					

Information in respect of other commodities is not available.

#### Problem of Labour Productivity

792. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the problem of labour productivity has been given a consideration;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the step proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) to (c). Government has emphasized the need to improve productivity as a means to hold the price line and to increase real wages. It is for individual undertakings to adopt, in consultation with the workes' organisations, such measures as will improve productivity in that undertaking.

#### Rice-Milling Facilities in India

793. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rice-milling facilities in India have been surveyed by a Ford Foundation team of experts;

(b) if so, their recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) The main recommendations were :—

(1) Three modern rice mills should be imported and set up in the districts of Tanjore, Raipur and West Godavari to ascertain the scope for obtaining increased yield of rice.

(2) Development of modern rice milling equipments in the country in collaboraiton with foreign manufactureres.

(3) Development of training facilities in modern methods of milling and storage.

(c) Government have already set up 7 modern rice mills imported from Japan and Germany in different States including 3 districts recommended by the Team. The F. C. I. will be resetting up 24 modern rice mills imported from Japan.

Three parties have already been licensed for manufacture of modern milling equipments in collaboration with foreign manufacturers. A short term training course in rice technology for rice mill engineers has also been started at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. A proposal to establish a Rice Research Cum Training Centre at Kharagpur is also under considetation.