

[English]

Increase in the Prices of Edible Oils

3670. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of edible oils have gone up sharply in the year 1991-92 despite the exemption from duty in the Union budget;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main factors contributing to the rise in prices of edible oils is general increase in money supply, general inflation coupled with gap between demand and supply because of limited import of edible oils on account of balance of payment constraints.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices include granting of excise rebate on

use of non-conventional oils in vanaspati, reduction of stock limits of edible oilseeds and oils by dealers/processors and manufacturers of all edible oils, permitting blending of conventional edible oils with non-conventional oils. The State Governments have also been asked to undertake strict action against hoarders, black-marketeers in edible oilseeds and oils. Apart from this, Central Government has constituted a Cabinet Committee on Prices under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister for monitoring the prices of essential commodities and ensuring their supply. Edible oils have also been exempted from recent Railway freight hike proposed in the Railway Budget for 1991-92.

Per Capita Plan Investment in States

3671. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the per capita plan investment in each State and Union Territory during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): A Statement is given below:

STATEMENT

Per Capita approved plan outlay under Annual Plans of States/UTs (1988-89 to 1990-91)

(in Rs.)

S.No.	States/UTs	Annual Plan 1988-89	Annual Plan 1989-90	Annual Plan 1990-91
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	233	243	247
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1994	2373	2896
3.	Assam	338	352	374
4.	Bihar	229	257	258
5.	Goa	913	1091	1290
6.	Gujarat	374	411	426
7.	Haryana	464	523	542