

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 1991, will now be held on 29th September, 1991.

(c) All possible measures are being taken by the Union Public Service Commission for the smooth conduct of the examination. Necessary assistance from the State Govts. and Union Territory Administrations has also been sought by the Commission in this connection.

Shortage of essential commodities in Super Bazar

3678. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of essential commodities in the mobile and the main branch of Super Bazar in Delhi and New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take steps to make essential items available there and thereby improve its standard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, by what time it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Every effort is made by Super Bazar to make available and maintain supply line of essential commodities and other commonly demanded items in all the outlets of Super Bazar including mobile vans. Sometimes one or other item may not be available at one outlet or the other due to various reasons such as short supply, non-availability of items with source of procurement i.e. manufacturers/distributors, or the quality available is not approved by the testing laboratory or for certain unavoidable administrative reasons.

Super Bazar has nominated Inspecting Officers to inspect branches periodically, to see that essential commodities and other important items are available in the branches. Super Bazar has recently established a control room in the Headquarters building where the "Stock-out" position are collected from all its outlets and efforts are made to provide the branches the required items as far as possible. A weekly meeting of Senior Officers connected with procurement and sale is held regularly where position relating to stock-out items and their procurement is reviewed.

Retail prices of essential items

3679. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of retail prices of diesel, kerosene, salt, edible oil, bicycle, two-wheeler, scooter, electric bulb, cotton dhoti and saree of 405 count, stove and smokeless chulha for common consumers as in July, 1990 and July, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): A statement showing the retail prices of diesel, kerosene, salt, groundnut oil, mustard oil, vanaspati, two-wheelers, bicycles, scooter, motor cycles, electric bulb, cotton dhoti and saree, stove and chulha, as in July, 1990 and July, 1991 is attached.

STATEMENT

Retail prices of various items at selected Centres

(Rs. per kg/ per piece)

	27-7-1990	26-7-1991	
	1	2	3
DIESEL (Litre)			
Nagpur .	4.62	6.23	
Madras .	4.36	5.42	
Lucknow .	4.48	5.46	
Hyderabad .	4.69	5.76	
Calcutta .	4.20	5.21	