

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

[Translation]

### Rice of cereals

(a) whether there is any proposal to integrated waste management (conversion of garbage into fuel pellets and maintenance of public toilet) is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the machinery proposed to be set up for its speedy implementation; and

(c) whether private sector will be associated with scheme and the necessary technology will be transferred to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). There is an on-going pilot project in Bombay to convert Municipal Garbage into fuel pellets using an indigenously engineered plant and to establish toilet blocks amenable for mass replication and construction. This pilot project was undertaken with the intention that if the technical feasibility of the concept and its potential for wider application are established, then the city of Bombay and other towns and cities of Country with similar problems could also be considered for coverage under an innovative management mechanism.

The pilot project of Integrated Waste Management taken up for Bombay city is currently under implementation. After the results of the pilot project of Integrated Waste Management taken up for Bombay City are duly assessed, the question of its expansion and establishment of an appropriate organisation mechanism for its implementation will be taken up.

Many of the sub-systems for the project have been procured from private sector also.

5696. SHRI NANI BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of rise in prices of cereals registered during the last six months;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to contain the rising prices of cereals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A Statement showing the percentage rise in the Wholesale Price Indices of Cereals during the past 6 months-ending 14.3.1992 is given below.

(b) The rise in the Wholesale Price Index Numbers of Cereals during last six months could be due to the lower net availability of cereals in the market, lower procurement by the Government, increase in the minimum support/procurement prices of wheat, rice and enhanced transportation costs etc.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase the production of cereals in the country. As an incentive to producers minimum support/procurement prices have been enhanced substantially. Allocation of foodgrains to State/UTs for supply through Public Distribution System have been increase. Food Corporation of India was allowed to sell wheat in the open market at a cheaper rate than the market prices when its prices rose significantly during the fourth quarter of 1991. As a result of all these measures, the prices of cereals have started showing a declining trend in the past few weeks.

**STATEMENT**

*Percentage increase in the Wholesale Price Indices of Cereals during the past 6 months-ending 14.3.1991 (between weeks-ending 14.9.1991 to 14.3.1992)*

Commodity	Percentage increase
Cereals	+ 16.7
Rice	+ 10.9
Wheat	+ 21.7
Jowar	+ 28.7
Bajra	+ 76.2
Maize	+ 13.0
Barley	+ 14.9
Ragi	+ 16.1

Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry.

**Discussion on Family Planning at Indian Science Congress**

5697. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the subject of family planning was discussed in the last Indian Science Congress held at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details for recommendations made there in; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

The subject of family planning was discussed in the last Indian Science Congress held at Vadodara between 3rd and 8th January 1992.

(b) and (c). The final recommendation of the Science Congress have not been received from the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA). On receipt, the recommendations will be processed through an inter-ministerial task force set up for the purpose, to enable appropriate actions by the concerned departments and agencies.

[English]

**Gas Cracker Complex in Assam**

5698. SHRI PROBIN DEKA:  
SHRI BALIN KULI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any letter of intent has been issued to Assam Industrial Development Corporation for setting up of gas cracker complex in Assam; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A letter of intent has been issued to Assam State Industrial Development Corporation (ASIDC) on 25.1.1991.

(b) The project is proposed to be implemented in the joint sector. As per available information, ASIDC are yet to select and decide upon the main promoter of the project. Work on the project can start only after selection of promoter, preparation of De-