

the Corporation on account of issue of rice from lower group as higher group or *vice-versa* since the same is adjusted in the amount of subsidy being given by the Government to the Corporation. The FCI has decided to issue the stocks of rice to the PDS only after the receipt of despatch documents by the consignees instead of issuing on the basis of spot findings of the Committee of Officers nominated for the purpose. This would create a little inconvenience to the consumers in places where smaller capacity godowns are located.

Egg Consumption

536. SHRI M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts have been made to popularise benefits of egg consumption in rural areas especially in North Andhra and Orissa to find market for the excess production thereof; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (b) Some organisations like National egg coordination committee have been attempting to popularise the benefits of egg consumption in the country through various mass communication medias.

[Translation]

Allocation of Wheat

537. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY
SHRI D.P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the State Government have demanded for increasing the allocation of wheat under the Public Distribution System keeping in view the current price rise.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some State Governments have requested for increasing the allocation of wheat for PDS.

(b) A statement showing the monthly quota of wheat demanded by some of the State Govts for PDS (including RPDS), and the monthly allocation of wheat made to them during the period Nov. 96 to March, 97 is enclosed.

(c) The allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs for PDS (including PRDS) is made on a month to month basis, taking into consideration, *inter-alia*, the demand received from various States/UTs, their relative needs, off-take trend, stock position in the Central Pool, seasonal availability etc. The allocations so made from the Central Pool are supplemental to the open market availability, and not intended to meet the full demand of any State.

Statement

Demand and allotment during Nov. 96 to March, 97 to the States/UTs regarding allocation of wheat

(In '000 Tonnes)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Demand per month	Quota		Allotted		
			Nov., 96	Dec., 96	Jan., 97	Feb., 97	March, 97
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Delhi	72.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	65.00	65.00
2.	Haryana	35.00	16.56	18.56	18.56	18.56	20.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	18.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
4.	Karnataka	50.00	28.00	28.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
5.	Madhya Pradesh	100.00	44.00	50.00	50.00	60.00	65.00
6.	Maharashtra	120.00	80.00	80.00	90.00	100.00	100.00
7.	Manipur	7.00	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
8.	Mizoram	2.50	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
9.	Punjab	17.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	20.00