

Statement*Prices Fixed for Open Sale of Wheat*

Sl.No.	Name of Centre	Rate (Rs. per MT)	
		4.2.1997	10.3.1997
1	2	3	4
1.	Guwahati	7500	6500
2.	Bombay	7400	6450
3.	Nagpur	7400	6400
4.	Indore	7200	6250
5.	Gwalior	6000	5550
6.	Raipur	7400	6400
7.	Ahmedabad	7300	6350
8.	Surat	7300	6350
9.	Cuttack	7400	6450
10.	Bhubneshwar	7400	6450
11.	Patna	6500	5900
12.	Calcutta	7400	6450
13.	Siliguri	7400	6450
14.	Delhi	5000	5000
15.	Chandigarh	4900	4900
16.	Lucknow	5400	5300
17.	Kanpur	5400	5300
18.	Ranchi	7000	6200
19.	Madras	7800	6700
20.	Coimbatore	7800	6750
21.	Madurai	7800	6750
22.	Cochin	7900	6800
23.	Trivandrum	7900	6800
24.	Hyderabad	7500	6500
25.	Vishakhapatnam	7500	6550
26.	Bangalore	7700	6700
27.	Mysore	7700	6700
28.	Belgaum	7700	6650

1	2	3	4
29.	Jaipur	5200	5150
30.	Shimla	5031	5050
31.	Jammu	5200	5100
32.	Srinagar	5300	5150
33.	Varanasi	6000	5650
34.	Bareilly	5000	5000

[*Translation*]**Implementation of TPDS**

3716. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI K. KANDASAMY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Targeted Public Distribution System has not yet been introduced in various States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where difficulties are being faced in introducing this scheme; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to remove these difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Hon'ble Prime Minister has made a statement in the Lok Sabha on 24.2.1997 on introduction of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and detailed guidelines, issued in this regard, have also been laid on the Table of the House. The State Governments/UT Administrations have accordingly been asked to identify the beneficiaries below poverty line, issue special ration cards to them and make all arrangements for delivery of foodgrains to the beneficiaries in a satisfactory and transparent manner. As soon as a State Government/UT Administration completes this exercise, it can start deriving benefits under the Targeted PDS. So far no State Government has reported completion of this exercise. The scheme of Targeted PDS will, however, become effective throughout the country from 1st June, 1997.

[*English*]**Social Forestry Projects**

3717. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :