

	1	2	3	4	5	6
II. Central Issue Prices (PDS) (w.e.f. 01.2.94)						
Wheat	402/-		402/-		402/-	
Rice						
Common	537/-		537/-		537/-	
Fine	617/-		617/-		617/-	
Supertine	648/-		648/-		648/-	

It will be seen from the table that while the Economic cost has increased mainly because of increase in the pooled cost of grains as a result of increases in M.S.P/ naked cost of grains, the selling price i.e. the C.I.P. has not been increased since 01.2.94.

(d) and (e). The following important steps have been taken/are being taken by the FCI to reduce/contain its economic cost :

- (i) The Corporation has set the target of achieving average capacity utilisation of 75% even though the procurement of grain is seasonal.
- (ii) The procurement and movement ratio is being adhered to the norm of 1:1.35 as fixed by Government of India to reduce the expenditure in freight.
- (iii) Vacant entry level posts are not filled up except in exceptional circumstances, to reduce the administrative cost and increase productivity.
- (iv) Continuous efforts are being made to reduce shortages in handling of foodgrains.
- (v) Release of stocks in the open market at prices above the C.I.P.

Development of Tribals

1073. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that for the development of tribal dominated areas projects are formulated for different regions on the basis of different policies at present; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria for making distinctions among various regions and the need of making such distinctions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Excepting Tribal Majority States/UTs, the Tribal Development Projects namely Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs)/ Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) pockets under Modified Area Development Approach (MADAs) and Clusters have been delineated in States/UTs under

TSP strategy for the development of tribal dominated areas.

(b) Broadly, ITDPs/ITDAs have been delineated in talukas/tehsils, blocks with 50% tribal concentration in addition to the Scheduled Areas. Modified Area Development Approach (MADAs) has been adopted to cover smaller areas of tribal concentration having 10,000 population and of which 50% or more are tribals. Clusters have been identified to cover areas having total population of at least 5000 and above with a Scheduled Tribe concentration of 50% or more.

[English]

Women Labour Cells

1074. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of women labour cells at present functioning in Assam with their locations; and

(b) the details of achievements of those women labour cells since their inception?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) According to the information received from the State Government, no women labour cell is functioning in the State of Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

New Sugar Mills

1075. SHRI S D N R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new sugar mills in the country during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the places have been identified for the setting up of these new sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). The Central Government does not set up