

	1	2	3
(ii) Carryover charges to State Agencies		41.51	22.77
(iii) Distribution cost		115.06	175.62
(c) ECONOMIC COST (A+B)		640.15	800.50
<i>Rice</i>			
(a) Pooled cost of grain		627.99	686.75
(b) Overhead cost			
(i) Procurement incidentals	61.41		64.15
(ii) Distribution cost		158.29	189.50
(c) Economic cost (A+B)		847.69	940.40

The costs have increased mainly due to increases in the pooled cost of grains as a result of increases in the Minimum Support Price/naked cost of grains, as also ad-valorem increases in statutory charges and switch over to 50 kg. gunny packings.

[English]

#### Hospitals in Rural Areas

3994. SHRI CHETAN CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government hospitals located in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh separately;

(b) the number of hospitals having with the bed facility for the patients;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the number of hospitals having the bed facility in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) (i) The number of Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres functioning in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh as on 30.6.97, is as under:

	Primary Health Centre	Community Health Centre
Uttar Pradesh	3761	262
Himachal Pradesh	260	42

(ii) As per norms, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres should have 4-6 and 30 beds respectively but this varies from State to State.

(c) and (d) Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres are set up under the Basic Minimum Programme which allows the State Govts. to choose their priority areas from among the seven basic minimum service including Primary Health Care. Allocation under BMS also include Additional Central Assistance which could be used for the purpose. The Ministry has been impressing upon the State Govts. the need to accord a high priority to filling up the gaps in Primary Health Care under their own Basic Minimum Services Programme

#### Stock of Wheat, Rice and Sugar

3995. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock of rice, wheat and sugar in the Central Pool;

(b) whether the Government propose to build additional stock of foodgrains sugar in different States, before the monsoon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Food Corporation of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) The stock of rice and wheat in the Central Pool as on 1.6.98 was 126.77 lakh tonnes and 159.29 lakh tonnes respectively.

There is no Central Pool for sugar. However, a certain percentage of sugar produced by sugar factories is taken by the Government as levy. After the release of monthly levy sugar quota pertaining to the month of August, 1998, a quantity of 5.20 lakh tonnes is available on the levy sugar account.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Every month detailed movement plan is drawn for movement of foodgrains to different States keeping in view the requirement and availability of storage capacity. Stocks are also moved by road to States like Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and North-Eastern States.

Monthly levy sugar allocations are made 1½ months in advance enabling Food Corporation of India and other lifting agencies of the direct allottee States to ensure smooth availability of the sugar to the consumers. The details of the movement plan for various States for the month of July, 1998 is given in the Statement enclosed.

**Statement***FCI's movement plan for the month of July, 1998*

State	(In thousand tonnes)									
	Ex-North		Ex-M.P.		Ex-A.P.		Total		Total Foodgrains	
	W	R	W	R	W	R	W	R		
Assam	50	196*	-	-	-	-	50	196	246	
W. Bengal	50	10	-	-	-	-	50	10	60	
Bihar	20	10	-	-	-	-	20	10	30	
Orissa	26	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	26	
Maharashtra	50	150	-	-	-	-	50	150	200	
Kerala	-	20	-	40	-	60	-	120	120	
Karnataka	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	80	80	
Tamil Nadu	-	20	-	20	-	60	-	100	100	
Delhi	50	2	-	-	-	-	50	2	52	
Himachal Pradesh	15	15	-	-	-	-	15	15	30	
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>944</b>	

\* Note : Includes 76,000 tonnes movement by road, including 31.00 tonnes from West Bengal, 15.00 tonnes from Bihar and 30,000 tonnes from U.P.

R - RICE      W- WHEAT.

**Wheat procurement Centres in Madhya Pradesh**

3996. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE:

SHRI RAMANAND SINGH:

SHRI CHANDRAMANI TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have declared any policy to procure wheat on the support price;

(b) if so, whether this policy has benefitted the farmers;

(c) whether the farmers of Reeva, Satna and Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh are not getting the benefit of the support price due to non-procurement of wheat by Government agencies in the State;

(d) whether there are only a few wheat procurement centres in these Districts; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) Under the declared policy of the Government, wheat is procured by the public procuring agencies under price support scheme at the procurement price/MSP fixed by the Government. Procurement of wheat under price support is totally voluntary for the farmers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The M.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation are purchasing wheat on behalf of FCI at Rs. 535/- per qtl., comprising of Rs. 455/- MSP, Rs. 55/- Central Bonus and Rs. 25/- State Bonus, in different districts of Madhya Pradesh, including Reeva, Satna and Jabalpur district.

(d) No, Sir. Adequate number of purchase centres are opened for procurement of Wheat. M.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation is operating 26 purchase centres in the Rewa district, 40 centres in Satna District and 22 centres in Jabalpur District.

(e) Does not arise.