

accordingly releases are made. During the terminal year of the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan Periods, 105.09 and 136.40 lakh tonnes of sugar were released.

The rates of sugar for PDS as also open market during the terminal years of the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan periods are given below:

| | (Rs. per Kg.) | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | PDS | Open Market |
| Terminal year of Seventh Plan period | 5.25 | 8.10 to 9.20 |
| Terminal year of Eighth Plan period | 10.50 | 13.00 to 15.00 |

[*Translation*]

Urban Infrastructure Projects of Bihar

2079. SHRI RAJO SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from Bihar seeking World Bank assistance for Urban infrastructure projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir. On the basis of available information no proposal has been received from Government of Bihar seeking World Bank assistance for urban infrastructure projects.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Purchase of Computer

2080. SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has requested to release the funds for purchase of a computer and its

accessories to be installed at the commissionerate of Civil Supplies under Centrally sponsored scheme; and

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Kerala had sought financial assistance of Rs. 1.50 lakhs under the Central Plan scheme of "Training Research and Monitoring" for purchase of a computer and its accessories for networking of the office of Commissioner of Civil Supplies in Kerala with the National Informatics Centres. The proposal has been approved and sanctions issued recently for release of Rs. 1.35 lakhs as first instalment of the Grant-in-aid.

U.G.C.'s Coaching Scheme

2081. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the UGC's Coaching Scheme;

(b) whether this scheme applies to backward classes and other weaker sections;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of students coached during 1997 and 1998 examination-wise and the financial allocation made and the actual expenditure incurred during the said period, University-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Scheme (a) of Coaching Classes for competitive examinations for Weaker Sections amongst the educationally backward minorities, and (b) remedial coaching scheme for the benefit of the students belonging to Weaker Section of the Society particularly for those belonging to the SC/ST are being conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The selected