

explanatory memorandum regarding exemption from Central Excise duty on clearances of goods manufactured by exporting Units, under the 100 percent Export Oriented Undertaking Scheme.

- (ii) The Central Excise (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 1995 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 549 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 14th July, 1995 together with an explanatory memorandum.

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- (7) A copy of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Procedure for holding inquiry and imposing penalties by adjudicating officer) Rules, 1995 (Hind and English versions) published in Notification No. G.S.R. 541 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 10th July, 1995 under section 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.

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14.43 hrs.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS—Contd.

(ii) Price Policy for Kharif Crops

[English]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, The Government have fixed the Minimum Support Price of Paddy (common) of fair average quality at Rs. 360/- per quintal for the year 1995-96 season. This marks an increase of Rs. 20/- per quintal over the price of Rs. 340/- fixed for 1994-95 crop. The price for Fine and Superfine variety of Paddy has been fixed at Rs. 375/- and Rs. 395/- per quintal respectively. This marks an increase of Rs. 15 per quintal over the price of previous season for both the varieties.

The Minimum support price of Coarse cereals (Jowar, Bajra and Ragi) of fair average quality has been fixed at Rs. 300/- per quintal which marks an increase of Rs. 20 per quintal over the price fixed for the previous season. For Maize also, the increase is Rs. 20 per quintal and the Minimum Support Price is Rs. 310/-.

The Minimum Support Price of Kharif Pulses viz., Arhar (Tur), Moong and Urad of fair average quality has been raised by Rs. 40 per quintal over the previous year's price and fixed at Rs. 800/- per quintal.

The Minimum Support Price of Groundnut-in-shell of fair

average quality has been fixed at Rs. 900/- per quintal marking an increase of Rs. 40 per quintal over the price fixed for the last crop.

The Minimum Support Price of Soyabean Yellow has been fixed at Rs. 680/- per quintal marking an increase of Rs. 30 per quintal over the price fixed for 1994-95. Similarly, the Minimum Support Price of Soyabean Black has been fixed at Rs. 600/- per quintal showing an increase of Rs. 30 per quintal over the price fixed for the last season.

At Rs. 950/- per quintal, the Minimum Support Price of Sunflower Seed shows an increase of Rs. 50 per quintal over the previous season.

The Minimum Support Price of F-414/H-777 Cotton has been fixed at Rs. 1150/- per quintal which marks an increase of Rs. 150 per quintal over the previous year. Similarly, at Rs. 1350/- per quintal the Minimum Support Price of H-4 variety also shows an increase of Rs. 150 per quintal over the price fixed for the previous season.

For the first time the Minimum Support Price of Sesamum and Nigerseed has also been fixed at Rs. 850/- and Rs. 700/- per quintal respectively. This will help the farmers to increase production of these crops.

It is expected that these Minimum Support Prices will enthuse the farmers to achieve further increase in production and productivity of these crops.

[Translation]

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota) : The Support price of soya bean should be raised. In order to increase the production of Soyabean in the Country, the Union Government has done some justice to the soyabean growers. Its support price should have been raised. Last time, the farmers did not get reasonable price for their produce. I would like the Government to reconsider the support price of Soyabean.

14.46 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM THE SITTING OF THE HOUSE

Tenth Report

[English]

DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA (Balasore) : Sir I beg to present the Tenth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on Absence of Members from the sittings of the House.