

during 1989-90 sums of Rs. 7.41 crores and Rs. 88 lakhs have been released under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and National Drinking Water Mission, respectively.

#### **Immunisation Programme**

1461. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received by Government to accord highest priority to immunisation programme in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government on those representations?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) and (b). Recognising the importance of reducing morbidity and mortality related to vaccine preventable diseases very high priority has been accorded to Immunization Programme as part of our effort to ensure "Health for All by 200 A.D." An outlay of Rs. 240 crores was provided for this priority programme during the 7th Plan. This Programme shall continue to receive priority attention during 8th Plan also.

#### **Price of Pulses**

1462. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the average prevailing prices of each type of dal both wholesale and retail, during November and December, 1989 and January and February, 1990; and

(b) the steps taken to keep these prices in check and increase production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):

(a) The required information is given in the Statements I, II, and III below.

(b) Government is regularly reviewing the prices. Measures taken to increase production of pulses are mentioned in the Statement at Annexure-II attached. However, availability of pulses at present is being augmented by imports. The custom duty of pulses was reduced from 35% to 10% from 1.11.1989 so that the prices of indigenous pulses are also brought down.

## STATEMENT-I

## Wholesale Price Index Numbers of Pulses

(Base 1981-82 = 100)

	November, 1989	December, 1989	January, 1990	February, 1990*
	1	2	3	4
Pulses	212.4	204.4	198.5	197.2
Gram	213.4	199.9	192.1	183.7
Arhar	197.5	190.6	187.6	194.1
Moong	201.8	198.3	194.7	200.5
Masoor	195.7	192.0	183.2	176.6
Urad	256.0	253.6	245.6	241.9

## STATEMENT-II

Average retail prices of pulses based on selected centres in the country (Rs. per kg.)

Week-Ending	Gram Dal			Moong Dal			Masoor Dal			Urad Dal		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
3.11.89		10.93	11.56	11.34	9.93	11.59						
10.11.89		10.88	11.46	11.31	10.42	11.77						
17.11.89		10.87	11.35	11.32	9.97	11.37						
24.11.89		10.88	11.26	11.25	9.95	11.88						
Avg : Nov., 89		10.89	11.41	11.30	10.07	11.65						
1.12.89		10.78	11.27	11.24	9.94	11.28						
8.12.89		10.69	11.15	11.29	9.86	11.49						
15.12.89		10.56	11.06	11.24	9.87	11.18						
22.12.89		10.39	10.96	11.11	9.84	11.00						
29.12.89		10.22	10.64	11.08	9.74	10.87						
Avg : Dec., 89		10.53	11.02	11.19	9.85	11.16						

Week-Ending	Gram Dal	Athar Dal	Moong Dal	Masoor Dal	Urud Dal
1	2	3	4	5	6
5.01.90	9.64	10.90	11.17	9.70	10.74
12.01.90	10.06	11.79	11.67	9.71	10.83
19.01.90	9.89	10.60	11.18	9.77	10.81
26.01.90	9.87	10.61	11.18	9.71	10.77
Avg : Jan., 90	9.87	10.97	11.30	9.72	10.79
2.02.90	9.87	10.65	11.08	9.62	10.76
9.02.90	9.70	10.71	11.32	9.70	10.87
16.02.90	9.70	10.76	11.33	9.60	10.86
23.02.90	9.69	10.65	11.43	9.59	10.72
Avg : Feb., 90	9.74	10.69	11.29	9.63	10.81

**STATEMENT—III**

To increase the production of Pulses following strategy has been adopted:—

- i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system such as double and multiple cropping;
- ii) Bringing additional area under:—
  - a) In summer pulses with irrigation after mustard, sugarcane, potato and wheat; and under lentil in Rabi season.
  - b) Under short duration arhar in rotation with wheat in Northern States.
  - c) Short duration varieties of urad, moong etc. in rice fallows by utilising the residual moisture in Rabi season.
- iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;
- iv) Increased use of inputs like improved seeds, adoption of plant protection measures; use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture;

The above strategy is supported by the two programmes:—

- i) Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Programme (N.P.D.P.). The N.P.D.P. is in operation from 1986-87.
- ii) Central Sector Programmes under Special Foodgrains Production Programme.

a) Plant Protection Umbrella on Gram and Arhar against Pod Borer, Cut Worm and Termite.

b) Expansion of Area under Summer Moong/Urd.

**Schemes for urchins and Street Children**

1463. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in various metropolitan cities about the number of urchins and street children by concerned State Governments or the Central Government with/without the help of UNICEF;

(b) if so, the estimated number of such children driven to streets and to pavements due to abject poverty and negligence of parents, in each metropolitan city; and

(c) the schemes laid down for providing them with proper conditions of development and for protection against exploitation, crime and begging?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as it has been compiled.

**Regularisation of C.P.W.D. Daily Wage Workers**

1464. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of daily wage workers have been working with CPWD for past several years;