

ruled steady over the previous month-end prices. The month-end April, 1990 whole-sale prices of wheat (Mexican), Jowar (white), Bajra and Gram were however higher by 3.6 per cent, 8.7 per cent, 3.4 per cent and 2.9 per cent respectively over the previous month-end prices.

Flood and Lift Irrigation water in Gujarat

7045. SHRI PRABHATSINH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total availability of flood and lift irrigation water in Gujarat at present;

(b) whether any steps had been taken to increase the water supply to Gujarat:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The availability of surface water is assessed basin-wise and not State-wise. However, ground water availability is assessed State-wise which is about 20.32 cubic km. per annum in the case of Gujarat State.

(b) to (d). A number of irrigation and multipurpose projects are under construction. The anticipated achievement of irrigation potential upto the end of VII Plan is 3097 thousand ha. Provisions of the VIII Plan are not yet finalised.

Sugarcane recovery Zone in Maharashtra

7046. DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recovery zones of sugarcane in Maharashtra at present;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The Maharashtra State has been divided into 2 zones, viz., North Maharashtra and South Maharashtra for levy sugar price fixation form 1986-87 sugar season onwards.

(b) and (c). The issue regarding further sub-zoning of Maharashtra State has been referred to Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices for further study. The Report of Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, when submitted, would be further examined.

Prices of Sugar

7047. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether quota of free sale for April, 1990 onwards have been reduced leading to hike in the price of sugar in open market:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to arrest the price rise and to dehoard the hoarded sugar in market of U.P., Punjab and Delhi;

(d) whether Government propose to consider the consequential effect on the khandsari and gur which are also heading towards high side causing hardship to the poor people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?