

Alkalinity (as HCO ₃) mg/l (not more than)	-600
Yeast & mould count	-absent
E.Coli	-absent
Salmonella and Shigella	-absent
Clostridium Welchii C. Botulinum	
Bacillus cereus	-absent
Vibrio cholerae and V.Parahaemolyticus	-absent

Issue prices of Foodgrains

*175. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the issue prices of wheat, rice and sugar have been increased during 1990 to 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for increasing their issue prices despite the increase in subsidy provided by the Government on these items;

(d) whether this increase has been made proportionately; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement giving the requisite information is enclosed.

(c) Increases in Minimum Support Price and expenses on procurement, distribution and carrying cost of stocks lead to rise in economic cost of foodgrains. The Central Issue Price (CIP) is revised from time to time taking into account relevant factors such as availability and price of foodgrains in open market, ability of consumers to pay, the likely impact of issue prices on the general economy, the need to safeguard the interest of poor and the ability of the subsidy budget to absorb increases.

The increase in CIP only partially covers the increase in economic cost. The rest is covered by increase in subsidy.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Effective From	Central issue prices of rice & wheat (Rs. per qtl)			Wheat	Retail issue price of levy sugar (Rs. per kg.)	
	Rice Common	Fine	Super- fine		Effective from	
01.5.1990	-	-	-	234	24.7.1991	6.10
25.6.1990	289	349	370	-	(Evening)	
28.12.1991	377	437	458	280	21.1.1992	6.90
11.1.1993	437	497	518	330	17.2.1993	8.30
01.02.1994	537	617	648	402	01.2.1994	9.05

[Translation]

Modernisation/Expansion of sugar mills

*176. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD :

PROF. SAVITRI LAKSHMANAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any action plan for modernisation and expansion of the established sugar mills;

(b) if so, the details of the works undertaken under the action plan, State-wise; and

(c) the plan of the Union Government for the next year in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Central Government have been encouraging established uneconomic-sized sugar units to plan for modernisation and expansion of their capacity to reach the minimum of economic size. The respective sugar mills have to prepare an action plan for modernisation and expansion of its capacity. The Central Government grants loans for modernisation and expansion of capacity to the minimum economic level at concessional rate of interest from the Sugar Development Fund.