

Procurement of Wheat and Rice

(Rupees per Quintal)

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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the rate at which wheat and rice were purchased by the Government and the rate at which these are being sold to the private persons for exports;

(b) the prices of wheat and rice prevailing in the International Market;

(c) the presumptive loss likely to be suffered by the Government by not exporting them directly and the responsibility fixed for the same;

(d) whether tenders were floated while selling these items; and

(e) the grants received by the Food Corporation of India, so far and the details of the total loss incurred by it?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) The rates of rice, paddy and wheat purchased by the Government under the Price Support Operation and Levy System during 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :

Period	(Sept.-Oct.)		(April-March)	
	Levy	Rice	Paddy	Wheat
1994-95				
Common	531.95 to 582.55		340	—
Fine	575.55 to 633.40		360	—
Superfine	605.85 to 671.85		380	—
				350
1995-96				
Common	572.15 to 629.05		360	—
Fine	594.65 to 653.35		375	—
Superfine	624.65 to 685.80		395	—
				360

Economic cost of rice and wheat during 1995-96 is Rs. 746.70 per quintal (Pooled) and Rs. 563.60 per quintal respectively.

The prices of rice and wheat fixed from time to time for sale for export from the Public stocks are as under :

(Prices in Rs./US \$ PMT)

Period	Fine Rice	Superfine Rice	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
19.4.95 - 9.8.95	6300 - 6700	6600 - 7000	Even though the price range remained the same, sale price in port towns were raised by Rs. 200 PMT from 10.8.95.
10.8.95 - 27.11.95	6300 - 6700	6600 - 7000	
28.11.95 - 6.2.95	6880 - 7110	7000 - 7420	
7.2.96 - 14.2.96			Prices though indicated in US dollars, purchasers have to pay in Indian Rupees only.
Coastal States -	(US \$ 193.06 - 203.47)	(US \$ 202.31 - 212.43)	
Non-Coastal States -	(US \$ 193.06 - 205.49)	(US \$ 202.31 - 214.45)	