

Specific steps taken by the Government to generate employment are the following :

- (i) Making massive investments in rural employment programmes—IRDP, TRYSEM, JRY, Nehru Rozgar Yojana, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Employment Assurance Scheme. Eighth Plan Outlay for Rural Development is Rs. 35,997/- crores.
- (ii) Modernization and expansion of Vocational Training infrastructure in the country by acquisition of modern equipment, introduction of employment relevant vocational training courses, revision of teaching-learning materials etc. so that the employability of the job-seekers is improved.
- (iii) Promotion of training and retraining of workers to impart new skills so that they could get redeployed when industries modernise by taking recourse to new technologies.

EXPORT OF MANGOES TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

*170. **Shri Sobhanadreesware Rao Vadde** : Will the **Minister of Commerce** be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is a great demand of Indian mangoes in the European Countries;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not fulfilling the demands of these countries;
- (c) whether the Government have considered introducing air freight subsidy for the export of mangoes to make them price competitive;
- (d) if so, the likely date by which such incentives will come into force; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of mangoes from the country ?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Commerce (Shri P. Chidambaram) : (a) There is demand for Indian mangoes in European Countries, particularly among the South Asian communities settled in U.K.

(b) Exports of mangoes to European countries have not achieved their full potential, *inter-alia* an account of inadequate pre-harvest/post harvest handling facilities, lack of requisite infrastructure for exports and high air freight cost, as well as preference in Europe for Caribbean and Latin American varieties of mangoes.

(c) to (e) Air Freight Subsidy Scheme was introduced on an experimental basis during 1993-94 in respect of export of specified fruits including mangoes (excluding Alphonse mangoes). Decision is yet to be taken in the matter of continuation of this Scheme. Some of the steps taken to boost the exports of mangoes *inter-alia* include the following :

- (i) Providing financial assistance for development of

infrastructure facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of procooling/cold storage facilities, setting up of grading/processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipments, improved packaging and strengthening of quality controls.

- (ii) Establishment of Vapour Heat Treatment facilities for improved acceptability of the product.
- (iii) Establishment of walk-in-type cold storages at Airports.
- (iv) Arranging mango export promotion campaigns and participative in International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions.

SHOW-CAUSE NOTICE BY SEBI

*171. **Shri Rajendra Agnihotri** : Will the **Minister of Finance** be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued show-cause notices to UTI's registrar and several other registrars and share agents recently;
- (b) if so, the details of such registrars and agents who have been served notices; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government in regard thereto ?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Manmohm Singh) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued show-cause notices to UTI's registrars as well as other registrars and share transfer agents recently.

(b) The following registrars and share transfer agents have been served show-cause notices :

1. Datamatics Ltd.—Bombay.
2. Datamatics Financial Services Ltd.—Bombay.
3. M. N. Dastur & Co. Ltd.—Calcutta.
4. Imod Financial & Management Services (P) Ltd.—New Delhi.
5. Navmee Capital Management Ltd.—New Delhi.
6. On Line Share Management Services Ltd.—Bombay.
7. Rams Financial Services (P) Ltd.—Hyderabad.
8. Epic Financial Consultancy Services Ltd.—Bombay.
9. Mac Consultants (P) Ltd.—Calcutta.
10. Super Corporate Services (P) Ltd.—Ahmedabad.
11. Vrusti Financial Services (P) Ltd.—Ahmedabad.
12. Amfin Holding (P) Ltd.—Bombay.
13. Unisoft Computers (P) Ltd.—Bombay.
14. Delta Services (India) (P) Ltd.—Bombay.
15. ABC Computer (P) Ltd.—Calcutta.
16. SPS International Ltd.—New Delhi.