

(c) The banks have generally been implementing instructions/guidelines regarding security arrangements issued by the Government of India/Reserve bank of India/Indian Bank's Association from time to time. Security measures implemented by public sector banks are also reviewed on an on-going basis.

[*Translation*]

Export of Fruits and Vegetables

3714. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI VILASRAO NAG-
NATHRAO GUNDE-
WAR:
SHRI DHARMANNA MON-
DAYYA SADUL:
SHRI SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO VADDE:
SHRI BAPU HAR CHAURE:
SHRI ANAND RATNA
MAURYA:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA
PRABHA URS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the fruits, their products and vegetables exported during each of

the last two years and the current year so far and proposed to be exported during the remaining period of 1992-93, alongwith the quantity of each item;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned and proposed to be earned therefrom during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to encourage the exports of fruits and vegetables and also to ensure that these products are easily available at reasonable prices to the consumers in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) and (b). The major fruits exported are mangoes, grapes, apples, pomegranates, watermelon etc. The onions and okra and among the major vegetables exported from India. The processed fruits and vegetables products exported from India are canned and bottled fruits and fruit juices such as mango pulp, guava pulp, papaya pulp, pickles and chutneys.

The details of quantity and value of these items exported during the last two years and likely to be exported during the current year are as under:-

Qty. in MTs Val. Rs. Lakhs			
1990-91	1991-92 *	1992-93	1992-93
			June 92- March, 93 ***

April, 92-May, 92 **

(Target)

	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Fruits	46849	5199	68000	7200	3094	486	469948	40055
Vegetables	267648	10679	428000	21500	76958	3061	Included in Fruits	
Processed & Fruits & vegetables Products.	36748	4806	47000	7500	670	169	49680	11062

(Including vegetables)

Source: DGCIIS ** Provisional based on Party Returns *** Targets.

To boost exports of fruits and vegetables major products, Agricultural and processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) extends financial assistance to the exporters for various developmental schemes, participates in International Food Exhibitions and conducts buyer-seller meets. In the case of items of mass consumption, restrictions such as quantitative ceilings or a complete ban on export of agricultural products are stipulated where necessary.

[English]

Central Silk Board

3715. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have since streamlined the functioning of the Central Silk Board in order to promote silk production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to boost the silk production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c). The functioning of the Central Silk Board and progress of various schemes being implemented by the Board is reviewed periodically and, as and when necessary, steps are taken to ensure smooth functioning/implementation of the programmes of the Board.

The steps being taken to boost the production of silk include bringing additional area under mulberry, introduction of new varieties of mulberry, improving silkworm seed quality, development of new varieties of

silkworm races, effective disease control measures etc.

Development of Minor Ports as Major Ports

3716. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK:
SHRI V. SOBHA NADREESWARA RAO VADDE:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of minor/intermediate ports proposed to be developed as major ports during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for development of Gopalpur port as an all weather port; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government is not considering any such proposal.

(b) No formal proposal has been received. However, in September 1990, State Government has requested for ADB assistance for this Port.

(c) Government did not find the proposal of ADB assistance feasible.

National Export Insurance Fund

3717. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: