

Sl. No.	Year	No. of delegation sent abroad by M/o. Agriculture, during 1991, 1992 and 1993	Name of the Countries	Expenditure incurred
			Mauritius and Carribean Islands	Rs. 2,79,177/-
			Cyprus and Isreal	Rs. 1,60,406/-
			Phillippines and Thailand	Rs. 88,457/-
			Phillippines and Hongkong	Rs. 44,390/-

[English]

### Cotton Production

5924. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether per hectare cotton production vary in different States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where its rate of production is highest along with the names of the State where this rate is the lowest; and

(c) the targets fixed by the Government to bridge the production gap during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average yield of cotton is highest in Punjab followed by Haryana and Rajasthan whereas it is the lowest in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) To achieve higher productivity and production of cotton in the country, target of 14.00 million bales (of 170 kgs

each) has been fixed for 1996-97, the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

### Extension of Patna-Hatia and Amritsar-Tata Express

5925. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to extend Patna-Hatia and Amritsar-Tata Express upto Rourkela;

(b) if so, the time scheduled for such extension;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to provide any terminal facilities at Rourkela station;

(e) if so, the amount provided and the time limit fixed for such construction; and

(f) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to