

Raniganj etc. connected to the Asansol Group Dialling Scheme, Asansol and Durgapur are connected to Asansol TAX Through Asansol TAX, they are connected in a limited way at present to the National Dialling Grid via Calcutta TAX. A direct link between Asansol and Delhi has been planned to be commissioned in the current financial year. This will further facilitate calls from the Asansol-Durgapur Industrial belt to Delhi to a great extent. There are also plans to augment circuits from Asansol TAX to Calcutta TAX so that National Dialling facilities from the Asansol-Durgapur Industrial belt to many other stations in India can be further extended.

(c) Does not arise.

Banana Export and its Content

4. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the real bananas (Nenthuran) produced in Kerala are at present being exported from India;

(b) if so, the value of such exports in the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79; and

(c) what are the food values of the above variety of bananas as compared to other important commercial varieties of plantations in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export data in respect of each variety of bananas is not maintained. However, the total exports of bananas for the years 1976-77 to 1978-79 were as under:

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1976-77	12.88
1977-78	0.17
1978-79	5.30

(c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Food Values of Nenthran and other Important Commercial Varieties of Banana Plantations in India

Sl. No.	Name & Variety	Edible portion %	Moisture	Fibre	Protein	Fat	Carbohydrates	Calories	Calcium	Phosphorus	Iron	Vit. A	Vit. B ₁	Vit. B ₂	Niacin	Vit.	
			g.	g.	g.	g.		mg.	mg.	mg.	mg.	IU.	mg.	mg.	mg.	mg.	
1.	Banana Nenthran	—	61.4	—	1.3	0.2	36.4	153	10	50	0.4	Negligible	0.15	0.03	0.3	1	

Other Varieties

1.	Banana Ordinary	74	73.4	—	1.1	0.1	24.7	104	10	30	0.5	124	0.05	0.17	0.3	0
2.	" Anaikombu	—	79.9	—	1.2	0.1	18.0	78	10	30	0.3	124	—	—	—	9
3.	" Chitridar Kela	—	79.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	18.2	79	10	20	1.0	Negl.	—	—	0.5	1
4.	" Green Variety	—	73.2	—	0.8	0.8	24.4	107	26	37	2.1	90	0.03	0.03	0.5	0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
5. Banana Krishna Vazhai	73	64.8	0.7	1.6	0.5	31.4	136	20	40	0.6	223	0.02	0.05	0.5	7		
6. " Laden	68	68.0	0.4	1.0	0.2	29.5	124	10	30	0.6	28	0.03	0.03	—	6		
7. " Pachana-dan	72	66.4	0.2	1.5	0.2	30.9	132	20	40	0.7	248	0.03	0.06	0.5	6		
8. " Raja Vaz-hai	64	66.0	0.5	1.2	0.2	31.5	132	20	30	0.6	68	0.03	0.07	0.5	11		
9. " Rasthali	83	74.4	0.3	1.1	0.2	23.2	99	10	30	0.4	8	0.04	0.02	—	6		
10. " Red Var-icty	69	75.6	0.4	1.3	0.3	21.6	94	16	31	1.5	329	0.09	0.06	0.4	15		
11. " Thenkadali	66	67.2	0.4	1.5	0.2	29.6	127	20	40	0.8	470	0.03	0.06	0.6	5		
12. " Thenkunnan	79	59.9	0.3	1.5	0.1	37.4	156	20	50	0.5	54	0.04	0.06	0.8	17		
13. " Vella Kadali	67	66.8	0.8	1.4	0.3	29.9	128	20	40	0.5	189	0.05	0.04	0.5	5		
14. " Yollow Large	—	75.4	—	0.8	0.5	22.5	98	25	40	1.7	50	0.03	0.02	0.5	0		
15. " Yollow Small	—	69.6	—	0.9	0.5	28.3	121	23	41	2.1	80	0.05	0.01	0.6	8		

Source : The Nutritive Value of Indian Foods and the Planning of Satisfactory Diets, I.C.M.R. Publication 1963, Special Report Series No. 42.