

Mango Crop

5613. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts are of the view of poor mango crop this year; and

(b) if so, the estimated loss of foreign exchange to be incurred in the export of mangoes due to the poor crop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, sir. It is too early to say that the mango crop will be poor this year; mango has started flowering in North India during this month only.

(b) Does not arise. The export of mangoes forms a small fraction of total production in the country.

Transfer of Godowns to Food Corporation of India

5614. SHRI DURAIRASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to transfer godowns in Andhra Pradesh and Madras State from the Central Warehousing Corporation to the Food Corporation of India under crash programme; and

(b) if so, why the senior officers of the Warehousing Corporation are being considered for further promotions in the meantime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No senior officers of the Central Warehousing Corporation are, at present, being considered for further promotion.

Central Warehousing Corporation

5615 SHRI DURAIRASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many senior officers and staff of the Department of Food are on deputation to the Central Warehousing Corporation; and

(b) whether Government are taking any action to call back those deputationists who have completed more than three years of service under the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) 10.

(b) There are only four deputationists who have completed more than three years of service with the Corporation. They have been allowed to continue for a short period beyond three years on the specific request of the Corporation and in the public interest.

Damage to Foodgrains

5616. SHRI R. K. BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual wastage of foodgrains due to inadequate warehousing facilities, pilferage etc.; and

(b) the remedial steps taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) An ex-