

(b) The quantity and value of fruits and vegetables exported during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Fresh Vegetables		Fresh Fruits	
	Quantity (MTs)	Value (Rs. crores)	Quantity (Mts)	Value (Rs. crores)
1995-96	434401	301.19	109704	229.96
1996-97	498863	341.16	217753	241.17
1997-98	NA	319.45	NA	268.98

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta/APEDA)

(c) and (d) The Government has been providing assistance and taken various measures to promote exports of horticulture products such as fruits and vegetables which are continued during the current year also. These steps include:—

- (i) Provision of assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, trainings and publicity, rejuvenation of old orchards, area expansion, supply of minikits for vegetables, improving productivity and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone fruits;
- (ii) Provision of soft loans for setting up of grading/processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment;
- (iii) Providing financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of pre cooling/cold storage facilities, integrated post-harvest handling systems (pack houses);
- (iv) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, and strengthening of quality control including adoption of latest ISO 9000/HACCP systems at export units;

- (v) Grant of air freight subsidy for export of selected fresh vegetables and fresh fruits;
- (vi) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially mangoes in overseas markets. Research efforts are on for the use of modern technologies such as Controlled/Modified Atmosphere technologies in transportation for increasing the shelf-life of perishable products;
- (vii) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions;
- (viii) Setting up of integrated cargo handling and cold storage facilities at various International Airports for handling export of perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables;
- (ix) Providing technical advisory services and other support services to, trade and industry including training of farmers for export production, quality control packaging, transport, etc.

[Translation]

Top Vacant Posts in PSUs

1690. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Public Sector Undertakings as on 31st December, 1998, in which posts of Chairman-cum-Managing Director were lying vacant and since when each of these posts are lying vacant; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to fill these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL) : (a) and

(b) There were 26 posts of Chairman-cum-Managing Director and Managing Director which were lying vacant as on 31st December, 1998. The details of these vacancies are given in the enclosed statement. There is a prescribed procedure for filling up posts of Chairman-cum-Managing Director and Managing Director, according to which selection will be made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board and appointments made by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments after completing the requisite formalities. This is a continuous process.

Statement

*Names of Public Sector Undertakings in which the posts of
CMDs/MDs were lying vacant as on 31.12.1998*

Sl No.	Name of the PSU	Date of Vacancy
1	2	3
1.	M.D. North Eastern Regional Agriculture Marketing Corporation Limited	2.6.1997
2.	CMD, Eastern Coalfields Limited	1.12.1997
3.	CMD, Madras Refineries Limited	25.11.1998
4.	CMD, Oil India Limited	1.2.1998
5.	MD, Indian Medicines Pharmaceuticals Corpn. Ltd.	
6.	CMD, Fertilizer Corporation of India	15.12.1998
7.	CMD, Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corpn. Ltd.	1.10.1998
8.	CMD, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited	1.7.1998
9.	CMD, India Tourism Development Corpn. Ltd.	1.10.1997
10.	CMD, Electronics Corporation of India Ltd.	16.10.1998
11.	MD, Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd.	31.8.1995

1	2	3
12.	MD, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd.	16.12.1997
13.	MD, National Film Development Corporation Ltd.	4.5.1998
14.	CMD, NIC (Gujarat) Limited	1.5.1998
15.	CMD, NTC (South Maharashtra) Ltd.	27.1.1998
16.	CMD, NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Limited	17.3.1998
17.	CMD, National Jute Manufacturers Corpn. Ltd.	31.3.1998
18.	CMD, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd.	1.11.1998
19.	MD, Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	31.5.1997
20.	MD, Manipur State Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	1.10.1997
21.	CMD, Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.	21.8.1995
22.	CMD, Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd.	1.7.1998
23.	CMD, Lagan Jute Machinery Corporation Ltd.	22.12.1997
24.	CMD, Braithwaite and Co. Ltd.	8.10.1998
25.	CMD, Hindustan Salts Ltd.	1.4.1998
26.	CMD, Central Electronics Limited	5.7.1998