

(a) whether the Directorate of Rice Development, Hyderabad propose to launch an experiment adopting a package of front-line technologies on to rice fields in Eastern India shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objectives of the programme; and

(d) the States likely to be covered under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). Sir, The Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad proposes to launch 125 demonstrations in fields of 8 hectares each in major rainfed rice ecosystems in Eastern India.

(c) The objective of the programmes is

to demonstrate improved varietal and management technologies.

(d) The States likely to be covered are Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Packing Cost of Dhara Brand Edible Oil

10294. SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the Packing Cost Commission Freight and service charges if any, per Litre of Dhara Brand of edible oil of National Dairy Development Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Details of the packing cost, commission, freight and service charges per litre of Dhara Brand of edible oil marketed by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are as follows:—

	<i>Imported rapeseed oil per litre</i>	<i>Refined Groundnut Oil per litre</i>
1	2	3
Packing Cost (including service charges)	Rs. 3.86	Rs. 3.86
Commission (whole sale plus retail)	Rs. 1.85	Rs. 2.25
Freight	Rs. 0.75	Rs. 7.75
Total	Rs. 6.46	Rs. 7.16

Accumulation of Royalty under Maulana Azad Memorial Fund

10295. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of royalty accumulated till 31 March, 1990 under Maulana Azad Memorial Fund;

(b) whether it was proposed to organise

essay competitions and distribute prizes out of this fund;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether any essay competition has ever been held and prizes distributed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Rs. 4,38,224.26

(b) and (c). Under the conditions laid down for the establishment of Maulana Azad Memorial Fund, it was stated that an Essay Competition should be organised and prizes distributed. The matter was placed before the Government of India for approval. Based on suggestions received from the Government in 1988 and with the approval of the Governing Body of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, the code of Procedure for the Essay Competition was finalised.

(d) and (e). The first Maulana Azad Essay Competition was held by the ICCR in 1989 while the names of prize winners for the competition have also been declared, a suitable occasion for the prize distribution ceremony is to be decided upon. The second Maulana Azad Essay Competition is scheduled to be held this year.

Countries Visited by P.M.

10296. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by the Prime Minister since his assuming office;

(b) the countries proposed to be visited during the coming quarter;

(c) whether any of his scheduled visit to Pakistan or to any other Asian country had been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Namibia

(b) Malaysia

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New Fertilizer Factory in Udaipur, Rajasthan

10297. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a new fertilizer factory in Udaipur, Rajasthan;

(b) the annual production of the existing factories at present;

(c) whether Rajasthan is self-sufficient in the production of fertilizers, if not, the details of future plans in the this regard; and

(d) whether the raw material required for the manufacture of fertilizers is available in Rajasthan itself?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal, with the Government at present, to set up a new fertilizer factory in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

(b) The production from the fertilizer plants during the last three years (year-wise) in Rajasthan is given below:—