

tute a separate category of the work-force of the Department, different from regular employees.

(b) At present the age limit for extra-departmental agents appearing for departmental examination is 35 years. For candidates belonging to SC/ST the age limit is 40 years.

(c) The upper age limit has been prescribed with a view to making them eligible for reasonable pensionary benefits on their eventual retirement from Government service. Moreover, the concept of an upper age limit for recruitment is a normal condition insisted upon in case of all appointments in Government

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Trees Auctioned by Central Agricultural Farms**

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**MAKKASAR:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether green trees were auctioned for felling in the Central Agricultural Farms of Suratgarh, Sardargarh and Jaitsar.

(b) if so, the number of trees auctioned during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the income accrued from sale of green trees in these agricultural farms?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) to (c). Overmatured trees requiring replacement with fresh planting at Central State Farms, Suratgarh, Sardargarh and Jetsar were auctioned with the approval of the Government of Rajasthan. The number of trees auctioned and income accrued thereon are as per statement attached.

#### **STATEMENT**

Name of the Farm	Year	No. of Trees Sold	Income
Central State Farm Suratgarh	1986-87	5939	29.10
	1987-88	1301	10.09
	1988-89	1262	12.55
Central State Farm, Sardargarh	1986-87	—	—
	1987-88	2995	25.43
	1988-89	470	4.92
Central State Farm, Jetsar	1986-87	2966	26.89
	1987-88	1624	13.83
	1988-89	327	2.93