

find out banana markets in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the countries which this delegation will visit; and

(c) what is the foreign exchange requirement for this delegation to tour foreign countries?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### B\*Twills and Hessian

**1067. Shri P. G. Sen:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of B\*Twills and Hessian per ton; and

(b) how it compares with the market prices?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

	Cost of Production* (estimated) per ton	Market price per ton†
B*Twill	Rs. 1045—1128	Rs. 1117.50
Hessian	Rs. 1425—1525	Rs. 1760

\*Based on Rs. 30 per maund for Assam Bottom and Rs. 21 per maund for cuttings.

†As on 2nd March, 1963.

#### Export of Agricultural Products

{ Shri Daji:  
1068. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
      { Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of export of agricultural products during 1961-62 and 1962-63 (upto 1st February, 1963);

(b) the main items exported; and

(c) the steps being taken to step up these exports?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). A statement indicating the value of exports of principal agricultural products during 1961-62 and 1962-63 (up to end of January 1963) is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

Value Rs. lakhs

	1961-62	1962-63 (Apr-Jan) (Ten months)
Cereals	Neg.	12
Fruits and Vegetables	2478	2137
Spices	1757	1139
Feeding stuff (including oil cakes)	1871	2581
Unmanufactured tobacco	1404	1432
Oilseeds, oil nuts and oil kernels	422	297
Wood (sandal, rose, etc.)	283	245
Cotton	2037	1838
Jute	Neg.	81
Other vegetable fibres	253	219
Crude vegetable materials, inedible (lac, gums, resins, etc.)	1539	1126
Vegetable oils	583	923
Essential oils	451	360
	13078	12390

(c) Several measures have been taken to step up export of agricultural products. These include progressive relaxation of control on exports of such products, special allocation of fertiliser for the tobacco crop, supply of tin plates at concessional rates for packing cashew kernels for export, import of redrying equipment for unmanufactured tobacco, incentive schemes for export of vegetable oils, etc. Compulsory pre-shipment inspection and quality control schemes are being implemented in respect of tobacco, spices, etc., and a similar scheme is proposed to be introduced in respect of cashew kernels shortly.