

ures using the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The Central Government has already released its entire share of CRF for the year 1991-92, amounting to Rs. 67.50 crores.

2. Apart from rendering material assistance through the Army and the other para military forces for immediate relief and rehabilitation of the victim of the earthquake, the Central Government has given the following additional assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh:-

- i) Rs. 25.00 crores as Ways and Means Advance.
- ii) Rs. 5.00 crore under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana for the affected districts.
- iii) Rs. 5.80 crores under the Indira Awas Yojana for construction and repair of houses in the affected areas.

3. The Housing & Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned Rs.30.00 crores for construction of 20,000 houses in the affected areas, out of which Rs. 14.25 crores has been released as 1st instalment. HUDCO is also providing assistance for 3 Building Centres and 6 Sub-centres at Uttarakashi, Tehri and Chamoli at a cost of Rs. 72.00 lakhs.

Fruity and Vegetable products

Fruits & vegetables

486. DR. RAVI MALLU:

SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the third largest producer of fruits and second largest in vegetables in the world;

(b) if so, the total quantities of each of the major items produced during 1991-92 indicating area covered;

(c) the productivity levels of major fruits and vegetables as compared to other countries in the world;

(d) whether progress made in developing high yield varieties and pest resistant varieties of seeds has been tardy; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world.

(b) The figures for 1991-92 are not available, however figures for 1989-90 are given below:

		Area (lakh ha)	Production (Lakh tonnes)
1.	Fruits	28.58	269.7
2.	Vegetables	55.50	538.8
3.	Potato	9.57	151.36
4.	Onion	2.98	30.16

(c) India has the second highest productivity in grapes. productivity of Potato 15.87 tones/ha. as compared to world average of 15.09 tonnes/ha However, productivity in other items is low as compared to other countries.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. 25 varieties fruits, 19 varieties of vegetable crops including hybrids, 27 varieties in potato, 18 varieties in other tuber crops have been developed through reasarch, efforts. Research efforts in these crops are being further strengthened during VIIIth Five Year Plan.

Production by Barauni Oil Refinery

[*Translation*]

487. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the causes of less production of oil in Barauni oil refinery; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The capacity utilisation of Barauni refinery has been lower due to inadequate supply of Assam crude oil Efforts are being made to supply as much crude to Barauni Refinery as possible.

[*English*]

Regional Offices of Hindi Teaching Scheme of Deptt. of Official Language

488. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of the Regional Offices

Under the Hindi Teaching Scheme of the Department of Official Language functioning in the country;

(b) whether there was a proposal to set up a Regional office at Guwahati;

(c) if so whether the Regional Office has been set up at Guwahati; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time which it is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) At present Five Regional Offices under the Hindi Teaching Scheme of the Department of Official Language are functioning in the country and are located at New Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay and Jabalpur.

(b) to (d) There was no proposal to set up a Regional Office at Guwahati in the past nor there is any such proposal at present under consideration.

[*Translation*]

Recognition to Goa Liberation Freedom Fighters

489. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) the action being taken by the Union Government to accord recognition to the freedom fighters of Goa Liberation;

(b) the time by which the recognition is likely to be accorded;

(c) the facilities being provided to the freedom fighters;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the facilities;