

Year	Export of Basmati rice	
	Qty. (‘000’ tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1989-90	396.9	412.20
1990-91	241.8	288.13
1991-92	235.6	435.12

(e) Incentives to the farmers for increasing the production of Basmati rice (including Dehradun brand) for export promotion are being provided through the scheme - Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD). These include subsidy of Rs. 400/ per quintal on distribution of certified seed of Basmati rice of export quality besides subsidy on micro nutrients, herbicides/REF pesticides, plant protection equipments, farm implements etc.

Farm Consortium

*111. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Farm Consortium to promote the agro-based industries run by small farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remove the administrative bottlenecks for setting up of such a consortium?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The modalities and details

of structure and area of operation are being worked out.

[Translation]

Industrial Status to Agriculture

*112. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:
SHRI RAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to grant the status of an industry to agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the resultant benefits likely to accrue to the farmers and agricultural labourers;

(c) whether Government propose to instruct Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) to work out the production cost of all agricultural products in the context of such a decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). It is the endeavour of the Government to create a positive trade and investment climate for agriculture at par with industry