

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) As per the latest data available, the annual production of fruits during 1992-93 was 32.95 million tonnes.

(b) There is no survey specifically on the production of fruits in the rainfed areas. However, as per rough estimate nearly 50 % of the fruit production in the country is under the rainfed condition.

(c) and (d) Irrigation could have a significant effect in the fruits quality and yield of different fruit crops. Estimates of such increase in production have been reported in respect of acid lime and litchi as also some other fruit crops.

(e) The Government of India is providing assistance for large scale use of drip irrigation system in horticultural crops including fruits with VIII Plan outlay of Rs. 200 crores under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "use of Plastics". The assistance is limited to 50 % of the cost with a maximum limit of Rs.15,000/- per hectare. In addition, 1 hectare demonstration plots in drip irrigations are being set up in government farms in all the state.

[Translation]

#### Accidents

\*33. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :  
SHRI DEV BUX SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents and derailments occurred during the last six months till date zone-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured as a result thereof;

(c) the causes of these accidents and derailments; and

(d) the amount of ex-gratia and compensation paid to the victims of these accidents and derailments?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Zone-wise breakup of consequential train accidents, including derailments, during the period 1.1.95 to 30.6.95 is as under :

Railway	No of Total consequential train accidents	No. of derailments
1	2	3
Central	19	17
Eastern	12	8
Northern	43	30

1	2	3
North Eastern	18	14
Northeast Frontier	12	11
Southern	30	16
South Central	15	10
South Eastern	38	34
Western	19	14
Total	206	154

(b) 199 persons lost their lives and 508 sustained injuries in these accidents.

(c) As per provisional information, 117 accidents were caused due to failure of railway staff, 39 due to failure of persons other than railway staff, 28 due to equipment failure and 3 due to sabotage. 5 accidents were incidental and 14 cases are under investigation.

(d) An amount of Rs. 8,23,750/- has been given as ex-gratia to the dependents of dead and injured passengers during the last six months. So far, no claim for compensation has been decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal. Compensation will be paid to the claimants by the Railway Administration as and when cases are decreed by the Tribunal based on the evidence and facts.

[English]

#### Impact of Delayed Monsoon

\*34. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL :  
SHRI SANT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) Whether delayed monsoon has created drought situation in several parts of the country and there is likelihood of shortfalls in the production of kharif crops on this account;

(b) if so, the States mostly affected as a result thereof;

(c) the estimated loss in the production of various crops including the oilseeds and its likely impact on the total availability of foodgrains in the country;

(d) the measures proposed to be taken by the Union Government to meet the situation;

(e) whether the affected States have asked for financial assistance; and

(f) if so, the State-wise details and the steps taken by the Government thereon?