

inter-alia includes production and distribution of planting material, rehabilitation of old pepper gardens, laying out demonstration plots in farmers fields, promotion of cultivation of pepper as inter-crop, laying out demonstration-cum-seed multiplication plots for ginger, turmeric and chillies area expansion programme for ginger, turmeric and chillies, plant protection for chillies, development of minor spices and tree spices etc. The coverage of area under different spices in the State during 1992-93 is given below:—

Sl. No.	Crop	Area covered ('000 ha)
1.	Pepper	2,92
2.	Chillies	148.50
3.	Turmeric	3.70
4.	Coriander	17.60
5.	Ginger	1.98
6.	Garlic	2.80
7.	Cardamom	25.22

Theft of Foodgrains

3966. SHRI PROBEN DEKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the theft of foodgrains and other commodities from the railway wagons at New Guwahati Railway siding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the action taken against the persons involved; and

(e) the details of corrective steps contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Six cases of theft of foodgrains and other commodities from the railway wagons at new Guwahati Railway siding involving loss of property worth Rs. 4,240/- have been registered during 1993-94

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The stolen properties have been recovered in full with arrest of 13 persons for their involvement in these cases. Investigations under the provision of Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act have been conducted and the cases filed in the court of law.

(e) In order to control crime against railway property at New Guwahati Railway siding, adequate measures like intensive patrolling in the yards, conducting raids on receivers of stolen property, deployment of crime intelligence staff are being taken by the RPF, the GRP and the local police at various levels to deal with the criminals and receivers of the stolen property. Surprise checks by special squads are often conducted to curb the thefts and to apprehend the criminals.

Sahitya Akademy

3967. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of non-periodical publications of Sahitya Akademy up-to-date;

(b) the number of original works, language-wise, included in those publications;

(c) the number of translations with break-up by original language included in (a) above;