

more employment for Indian labour abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Job opportunities for Indian workers in foreign countries are found out either by the Recruiting Agents registered with the Ministry of Labour or by the Project Exporters or by the individual workers themselves. It is also dependent on specific needs of the concerned foreign employers and the willingness of the workers to enter into suitable contractual arrangement in this regard.

#### **Rice to China**

2039. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH :  
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:  
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI :  
SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:  
SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:  
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO:  
SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:  
SHRI BRISHIN PATEL:  
KUMARI UMA BHARTI:  
SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ:  
SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has sought additional one million tonnes of rice from India during May, 1995;

(b) whether this was in addition to shipment already sent

to China during 1995;

(c) if so, the total quantity of rice and sugar provided to China, during 1995 till-date;

(d) the details of other foreign countries where India supply rice, wheat, sugar and other agricultural products;

(e) the total quantity of rice, wheat, sugar and other agricultural products exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, till-date, country-wise ; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of agricultural products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE ( SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There have been no exports of rice and sugar to China during the current financial year.

(d) and (e) A statement is attached.

(f) Steps taken to enhance exports in this sector, include simplification of inspection procedures, removal of Minimum Export Price and Quantity restrictions on selected items, provision of concessional credit, product development to meet international needs, extension of benefits available under the scheme of EOU/EPZs to agriculture sector and permitting 50% sale in the domestic tariff area, assistance to exporters for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control, promoting export of identified products through brand promotion campaigns; arranging buyer-seller meets and participation in international fairs/exhibitions.

## STATEMENT

| Item           | 1992-93 |          | 1993-94  |           | 1994-95 |           | 1995-96 (upto AUG.95) |            |
|----------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
|                | QTY     | VALUE    | QTY      | VALUE     | QTY     | VALUE     | QTY                   | VALUE      |
| Pulses         | 34309   | 5344.12  | 43601    | 7358.55   | 59497   | 9035.74   | 20,229                | 3,762.29   |
| Rice           |         |          |          |           |         |           |                       |            |
| Basmati        | 324790  | 80064.42 | 527233   | 106126.81 | 468696  | 85776.04  | 135899                | 30,044.58  |
| Non-Basmati    | 255619  | 17495.70 | 240454   | 22544.29  | 422727  | 32345.32  | 1320377               | 88,628.78  |
| Total Rice     | 580409  | 97560.12 | 767687   | 128671.10 | 891423  | 118121.36 | 1,456,276             | 118,673.36 |
| Wheat          | 36749   | 1020.98  | 390      | 20.58     | 58206   | 3085.15   | 23,364                | 1,143.86   |
| Other Cereals  | 17058   | 1016     | 148316   | 3402.27   | 68595   | 2567.21   | 6964                  | 479.13     |
| Tobacco        |         |          |          |           |         |           |                       |            |
| Unmanufactured | 70607   | 35557.19 | 90493    | 36825.50  | 45811   | 17482.05  | 28,604                | 13,963.02  |
| Manufactured   | 17646   | 11846.8  | 14183    | 9294.65   | 12588   | 7404.24   | 3979                  | 2,306.90   |
| Total Tobacco  | 88253   | 47403.99 | 47403.99 | 46120.15  | 58399   | 24886.29  | 32,583                | 16,269.92  |
| Spices         | 128720  | 39342.20 | 182361   | 56690.64  | 157643  | 60648.33  | 83098                 | 28,634.90  |
| Cashew         | 58399   | 74485.16 | 69832    | 104530.99 | 76900   | 124196.99 | 46307                 | 50,466.21  |
| Cashew CSNL    | 4258    | 380.62   | 3625     | 288.85    | 3564    | 229.44    | 324                   | 47.84      |
| Total Cashew   | 62657   | 7485.78  | 73457    | 104819.84 | 80464   | 124426.43 | 46631                 | 50,514.05  |

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|                       | QTY     | VALUE     |         | QTY       | VALUE  |           | QTY     | VALUE      |  | QTY                   | VALUE |
| 1                     | 2       | 3         | 4       | 5         | 6      | 7         | 8       | 9          |  |                       |       |
| Sesame & Niger        | 67705   | 11621.61  | 39052   | 7350.79   | 61240  | 14223.65  | 17228   | 5,335.13   |  |                       |       |
| Seeds                 |         |           |         |           |        |           |         |            |  |                       |       |
| Groundnut             | 4343    | 772.39    | 236461  | 17112.29  | 51247  | 9863.99   | 7282    | 1,554.69   |  |                       |       |
| Spirit & Bever        |         | 4164.84   |         | 4601.34   |        | 4580.70   |         | 2,098.73   |  |                       |       |
| Guar gum Meal         | 62379   | 10318.61  | 74496   | 14082.06  | 63123  | 14278.33  | 32124   | 7,497.01   |  |                       |       |
| Oil Meals             | 3678839 | 154528.98 | 4820744 | 232392    | 389691 | 179470.60 | 1386590 | 60,925.11  |  |                       |       |
| Shellac               | 5011    | 4106.99   | 5971    | 6547.39   | 4665   | 4603.22   | 2299    | 2,041.21   |  |                       |       |
| Sugar and Mola.       | 485098  | 35350.63  | 204532  | 17807.75  | 51558  | 6208.93   | 56146   | 5,174.77   |  |                       |       |
| Hort/Fior Prod.       |         | 1490.69   |         | 1883.65   |        | 2871.01   |         | 3,599.56   |  |                       |       |
| Fruits & Vege.        |         | 31242.40  |         | 41434.49  |        | 48855.18  |         | 20,136.22  |  |                       |       |
| Proc. Fruits & Juices |         | 11976.26  |         | 15510.13  |        | 19613.39  |         | 7,519.97   |  |                       |       |
| MISC Proc. Items'     |         | 10843.51  |         | 12841.97  |        | 18075.58  |         | 8,235.57   |  |                       |       |
| Meat & Meat Prep      |         | 25710.58  |         | 34451.98  |        | 39489.45  |         | 18,981.67  |  |                       |       |
| Total (AGRI)          |         | 568680.68 |         | 753299.21 |        | 704904.54 |         | 362,577.15 |  |                       |       |

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