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2.	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)	Kalol (Gujarat) (Expansion)	119.08	Urea 1.50	01.09.1997
3.	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)	Phulpur (U.P.) (Expansion)	993.00	Urea 7.26	20.01.1998
4.	National Fertiliser Ltd. (NFL)	Vijaiapur (M.P.) (Expansion)	987.30	Urea 7.26	01.01.1997
5.	Madras Fertilisers Limited (MFL)	Manali (Madras) Expansion	487.47	Urea 0.76 NPK 1.84	30.06.1996
6.	Fertilizer & Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT)	Udyogamandal, Kerala (Replacement of Ammonia Plant)	618.00	Ammonia 2.97	31.03.1997
7.	Oswal Chemicals & Fertilisers Limited	Shahjahanpur U.P. (Grassroots)	1325.00	Urea 7.26	Trial production has started Expected to be commissioned in December 1995.
8.	Nagarjuna Fertilisers & Chemicals Limited (NFCL)	Kakinada, AP (Expansion)	954.21	Urea 4.95	Second half of 1997-98
9.	National Fertilisers Limited (NFL)	Nangla, Punjab (de-bottlenecking)	50.00	Urea 1.81	01.11.1996
10.	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd. (RCF)	Thai (Ammonia retrofit)	Phase I 49.00 Phase II 93.00	Urea 1.65 Urea 1.10	07.10.1996 November, 1997
		(i)	Total estimated capital cost	- Rs. 6636.06 crores	
		(ii)	Total capacity	(a) Urea - 40.81 lakh MTPA (b) NPK - 1.84 lakh MTPA	

[English]

Functioning of Passport Office, Delhi

2305. SHRI K.T. VANDAYAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the performance of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi is not satisfactory as the applicants from Faridabad and Gurgaon districts have to face lot of difficulties in getting passport and application forms :

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of passport applications received and the number of passports issued by this office during each of the last four months;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to clear the

backlog;

(e) whether Government have conducted any periodic review of processing of passport applications; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) The Government have taken steps to make available passport application forms at Post Offices for the easy accessibility of applicants residing at far away places from Passport Offices. Similarly, passports are also delivered by Registered Post in order to ensure safe delivery and for the convenience of such applicants.

(c) The number of passport applications received and passports issued by the Regional Passport Office, Delhi during the last four months were as follows :

Month	Applications received	Passports issued
August	13332	11477
September	13200	11214
October	10063	8597
November	11627	8269

(d) to (f) Government have and shall continue to take steps to streamline the working of Passport Offices and issue passports expeditiously, such as augmentation of staff strength, upgradation of office facilities including computerisation, review of systems and procedures in order to reduce delays, regular inspections of passport offices and follow-up action.

Production of Fruits

2306. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of fruits in India is highest as compared with all the fruit producing countries in the world;

(b) if not, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether a large portion of fruits produced in the country goes waste without being utilized;

(d) if so, the percentage of average annual wastage of fruits; and

(e) the percentage of fruits consumed in India and percentage of fruits exported abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) As per the FAO Year Book 1994, India is the 2nd highest producer of fruits in the world after China.

(c) to (e) Although no specific survey has been conducted to assess the actual wastage of fruits and vegetables, in 1981, it was estimated that quality deterioration and subsequent loss of value and wastage that takes place is about 25 to 30% in some fruits & vegetables mainly due to their perishability inadequacy of post-harvest infrastructure and processing facilities. About 0.62% of the fruits produced in the country are exported in fresh and processed form and the remaining quantity is available for domestic consumption.

Seminar on privatisation of NHs

2307. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a seminar on private sector participation in National Highway development was held in New Delhi during September, 1995;

(b) if so, the number of countries/delegates/experts that took part in the seminar;

(c) the main subjects discussed and decisions arrived at; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY) : (a) No seminar on private sector participation in National Highway development was held by the Government. However, the Indian Roads Congress organised a seminar on "Private Sector participation in Highway Development" in September, 1995.

(b) About 300 delegates/experts including some from Bangladesh, U.K., Italy, France, Australia, Japan and Canada participated in the seminar mentioned in part (a) above.

(c) and (d). The seminar provided a forum to delegates to deliberate on various key issues pertaining to planning, development, financing and implementation of private sector project in the road infrastructure. Certain recommendations pertaining to the above aspects have been made in the seminar. These recommendations will be kept in view by the Government while dealing with various matters pertaining to private sector participation in the National Highways.

Visit of Chairman of National people's congress of China

2308. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the National People's Congress of China recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the bilateral issues that figured in his talks with Indian leaders; and

(d) the outcome of the talks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Mr. Qiao Shi, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, visited India from November 15-20, 1995, at the invitation of Vice President Shri K.R. Narayanan and Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Shivraj Patil. During his visit, he called on President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Speaker and met Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. Besides Delhi, he visited Agra, Bangalore and Bombay. In Bangalore and Bombay, he called on the Governors of Karnataka and Maharashtra and met the Speakers of the Legislative Assemblies. In Bombay, he had a meeting with leaders of the business community.

Mr. Qiao Shi's visit was a part of the continuing process of high-level contacts between the two countries which has contributed to the enhancement of mutual