

Year	All India Exports	Exports from Eastern Region (Rs. in crores)	Percentage of Eastern Region's share (%)
1981-82	1042.74	177.45	17.02
1982-83	1011.00	170.00	16.81
1983-84	1000.00	170.00	17.00
1984-85	1150.00	185.00	18.08
1985-86	1060.00	185.00	18.50

(b) and (c). The exports from the Eastern Region have not increased significantly. A Committee has been set up by the Ministry of Commerce to look into the specific difficulties of engineering exporters from the Eastern Region and to suggest suitable remedial measures.

Production of Alphanso Mango

3548. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ?

(a) whether it is a fact that the Alphanso mango production in the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of the backward Konkan region of Maharashtra is expected to go up considerably ; and

(b) if so, whether both in the interest of mango growers and foreign exchange reserves, Government propose to give more incentives for export of mangoes ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) and (b). Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra are known for cultivation of Alphanso varieties of mangoes which are in great demand in foreign markets. The State Government of Maharashtra is taking measures to encourage production of Alphanso mangoes. These measures include, inter-alia, Capital subsidy of 50% to small farmers, distribution of planting material to the farmers who undertake mango cultivation with their own financial resources, 50% subsidy against cost of

plant protection measures taken by the beneficiary cultivators. In order to encourage exports of mangoes Government of India is already giving incentives like Cash Compensatory Support, Import Replenishment, etc.

Setting up of Ordnance Factories in the Country

3549. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether demands for setting up of ordnance factories in various States of the country are pending with Government for decision ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely date by which decision would be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). Location of ordnance factories is decided on techno economic and strategic considerations. On requests received from States/ Union Territories viz. Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar and the Union Territory of Pondicherry, they have been informed that their requests would be kept in view while finalising the location of new ordnance factories.