

months of 1989; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) The export quotas allotted by ICO to various member exporting countries including India have since been suspended w.e.f. 4th July, 1989.

(b) Fluctuations in international prices of coffee have been noticed.

(c) One of the reasons for such fluctuations may be the uncertainty relating to the International coffee Agreement during the first six months of 1989 and the stand taken by the major coffee producing countries.

Computerisation of Banks

3463. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was appointed by the Reserve Bank of India to draw up a perspective Plan for computerisation of the banking industry;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details of its recommendations accepted by the Reserve Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Exports of Fruits and Vegetables

3464. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fruits and vegetables exported and the amount of foreign exchanges earned therefrom during the last three years;

(b) the names of main fruits and vegetables that are being exported;

(c) whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the exporters; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) The quantity of fruits and vegetables exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years are given below:-

Qty. MT		Val : Rs./Crores.			
1986-87 (P)		1987-88 (P)		1988-89 (P)	
Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val	Qty.	Val.
318902	103.06	198507	92.98	296140	127.45

(b) The main fruits/vegetables that are being exported are mango, grapes, guava

and pineapples/bitter gourd, lady finger, brinjal, spinach arbi and onions.

(c) and (d). One of the major difficulties of the exporters of fresh fruits and vegetables had been non-availability of air-cargo space. In pursuance of the efforts made by the Ministry of Commerce with Ministry of Civil Aviation, Air India etc., it has been decided to permit both scheduled and non-scheduled freighter operators/Airlines to provide services during peak months.

[*Translation*]

New Train Between Delhi-Hathras

3465. SHRI PURAN CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce a new train service between Hathras-Delhi on the pattern of 2/1 FTD in view of inadequate train services on this route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Calcutta Metro Rail Projects

3466. SHRI V. SREENIVASAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of completion of the existing projects pertaining to Calcutta Metro Rail has been as per schedule;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the consequences thereof in terms of cost escalation and time overrun; and

(c) the action being taken and proposed

to be taken to expedite the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Progress of work has been hampered due to delay in acquisition of the plots of land by the West Bengal State Government. It will take 33 months to complete the project after the remaining plots of land are made available. The precise cost escalation would depend on as to when these plots are handed over by the State Government.

(c) West Bengal Government is being pursued vigorously for the immediate handing over of the remaining plots of land. Also, the Project is being given priority in the allotment of funds, as required.

Export of Agriculture Products

3467. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the volume and value of exports of agricultural products during the last two years, year-wise and the estimated export thereof during the current financial year;

(b) the names of the different items of farm products exported during the above years and to which countries; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the exports of farm products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). A statement is given below.

(c) (i) Promotion of exports through relevant Commodity Boards, Export Promo-