

**Fruits Declared Nation Fruits**

4678. LHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared some fruits as the national fruits;

(b) if so, the names of such fruits;

(c) the criteria adopted while selecting such fruits; and

(d) whether Government propose to declare orange etc. as the national fruit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

**Area Under Forests**

4679. LHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of land under forests in India; how much of the area constitutes productive forests and how much is unproductive, scrub and fallow land;

(b) the mean annual increment in the productive forests as compared with the annual increment in Asia and the World; and

(c) whether there is any programme to allow such of those industries which use forest raw materials to raise man made plantation to meet the dual objective of environmental improvement and industrial development ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The total area of land under forests in India is about

75 million hectares out of which an estimated 61 million hectares is productive forests and 14 million hectares is unproductive forests comprising of scrub, fallow land etc.

(b) Forest inventory has not been carried out in many countries of the world. On the basis of available data, however, the average annual increment of productive forests is estimated to be as follows:

India : 0.32 M3/hectare

Asia : 1.02 M3/hectares

World : 0.74 M3/hectares

(c) At present there is no programme permitting forest based industries to raise industrial plantations.

**Rural Workers Trained by NIRD,  
Hyderabad**

4680. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the detailed activities of the National Institute for Rural Development at Hyderabad;

(b) the number of training programmes organised and rural workers trained by the National Institute for Rural Development;

(c) whether evaluation of the work done by the Institute had been made;

(d) whether it is a fact that a common rural worker had not felt the impact of the programmes of this National Institute; and

(e) the measures under consideration of Government to make the role of the Institute more effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) : (a) .The