

the miscreants. All the boxes were subsequently recovered but 125 cart-ridges without propellant charge bags and one shell of the total value of approx. Rs. 5,078 are still missing.

(c) The Police are investigating the case and some arrests have been made. Measures have been taken to ensure greater safety of arms and ammunition in transit by Rail.

Export of Mangoes

4239. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD

MANDAL;

SHRI D. N. TIWARY;

SHRI R. K. BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to boost mango exports to foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that seven day symposium on mango culture has also suggested to boost the export of mango; and

(c) if so, the foreign exchange like-ly to be earned as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) The following steps have so far been taken to boost the export of mangoes:

- (i) A committee named Banana and Fruit Development Committee has been set up to consider measures/methods to increase the export of bananas, mangoes and other fresh fruits.
- (ii) A Mango Delegation was sent to some of the European countries in 1966 to explore the marketing possibilities of Indian mangoes in those countries.
- (iii) AIR-INDIA are giving special freight concessions for export mangoes to foreign countries.

(iv) Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, provides assistance for developing the techniques of export of mangoes.

(v) In order to give wide publicity, publicity material on export of mangoes has been pre-paring the techniques of ex-trade in India and abroad.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In view of the risk inherent in export of mangoes, it is difficult to assess the growth of exports. On the basis of the concerted efforts, which are being made, it is hoped that there will be a steady increase in our foreign exchange earning, which is Rs. 24½ lakhs for the year 1968-69.

Popularisation of Pakoras in Foreign Countries

4240. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD

MANDAL:

SHRI D. N. TIWARY:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to popularize Pakoras abroad;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to boost the export of Pakoras; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Indian Teacher held in Prison in Rhodesia

4241. SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dasuigee Francis, an Indian employed as teacher in Zambia