

Export of Mangoes

5410 SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mangoes and its pulp are being exported from Andhra Pradesh in large quantity during this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the last year's export of mangoes from Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether Andhra Pradesh accounts for a big chunk of mangoes production in the country;
- (e) if so, whether, the Union Government have established an office of the Agriculture Processed Food and Export Development Authority to facilitate marketing of the product in the State of Andhra Pradesh in order to help growers;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of mangoes and pulps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Since state-wise export figures for mangoes and its pulp are not maintained, their export figures from Andhra Pradesh during the current year and last year are not available

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government has recently sanctioned the opening of an office of APEDA in Hyderabad.

(f) APEDA is in the process of opening this office at Hyderabad. It will play a coordinating and complementary role between the Central and State Governments involved in Agricultural and Horticultural activities to promote exports of agricultural, horticultural produce including mangoes and its pulp. APEDA will be able to disseminate the latest developments/information at the National and international levels regarding agricultural and horticultural production and their trade related activities to the farmers, their associations and the exporters.

(g) The Government has taken various measures to boost export of horticultural products including mangoes and its pulp. These include:

- (i) Supply of quality planting material and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits;
- (ii) Provision of soft loans for setting up of grading processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment;
- (iii) Provision of financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised

transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/cold storage facilities;

- (iv) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control;
- (v) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially mangoes in overseas markets.
- (vi) Arranging promotional campaigns in the potential markets overseas including buyer-seller meets with focus on mangoes, and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.
- (vii) Provision of facilities, on an experimental basis, for the export of mangoes (Banganpalli and Totapuri) from Andhra Pradesh by sea during the current crop season in refrigerated container, to markets in South East Asia, Middle East and Europe.

Wind Energy

5411. SHRI L. RAMANA:

SHRI SURESH PRABHU:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total wind energy potential of western coast with state-wise breakup;
- (b) the details of investment made during the last ten years to harness the wind energy potential, state-wise;
- (c) the details of wind energy generated as on March 31, 1997.
- (d) the details of strategy worked out, investment proposed and potential targetted to tap wind energy potential on western coast during 1997-98 and Ninth Five Year Plan, state-wise and Maharashtra in particular, both public and private sector;
- (e) whether the programme has received a set-back because of insufficient and unreliable data-base provided by the Department; and
- (f) if so, the steps being proposed to make up for the short-comings in planning and execution of the wind power generation programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR.S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) According to present estimates, a wind energy potential of 3000 MW has been estimated for Gujarat, 200 MW for Karnataka, 175MW for Kerala and 75 MW for Maharashtra, among the States on the western coast.

(b) Wind power installations have come about mainly through private sector investments. The total private sector investment over the last decade is estimated to have been Rs. 3000 crores. This has resulted in the setting up of around 850 MW of commercial wind power capacity. The state-wise breakup is indicated in statement-I attached.