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MANGO PULP INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to promote mango pulp industries and fruit processing industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of mango pulp industries functioning in the country, State-wise and the details of the production and export in terms of quantity and value;
- (c) whether the Union Government have any special programme to increase the area under the cultivation of mango in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): The Department of Food Processing Industries provides support to facilitate overall growth of food processing sector including fruit processing. Under its plan schemes, the Department provides concessional finance to food processing industries. Besides, other agencies like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC), also provide assistance under their respective schemes. This sector has also been included as priority sector for providing loan by Financial Institutions.

(b): The total number of Mango processing units in the country as on April, 1999 is 292. Of this, 42 units are located in Andhra Pradesh, 50 units in Tamil Nadu and the rest in other States. The total production is estimated to be 62,000 to 80,000 Metric Tonnes per annum. Export of Mango pulp in 1997-98 was 46874.526 MT valued at Rs.125.31 crores.

(c) & (d): A Central sector scheme, entitled Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits, is being implemented during the 9th Plan by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation under which, assistance is being provided for various activities including area expansion of fruit crops. Mango is also covered under the programme. The outlay for the scheme during 1999-2000 is Rs. 25.00 Crores.