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Indo-Pak Rapprochement and Confidential Building measures

6955. DR. G.L. KANAUIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the efforts made by USA and UK on Indo-Pak rapprochement and adoption of confidence building measures between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. The US president sent a special envoy to India in May 1990.

(b) Government appreciates the efforts in this regard.

Visit of High Level Nepalese Task Force

6956. DR. G.L. KANAUIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Level Nepalese task Force visited India recently to have follow up discussion on economic cooperation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. A High level delegation visited India in connection with the second meeting of the Indo-Nepal High Level task Force from September 1-3, 1991.

(b) A wide range of issues of mutual interest relating to bilateral economic cooperation were discussed at the meeting, including trade, transit, control or unauthorised trade and cooperation in the fields of industry, civil aviation, education and culture. The talks will continue at the subsequent meetings. The High level Task Force is to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

Export Sesame Seed

6957. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of Sesame seed exported by NAFED during last three years; and

(b) the prevailing market rates of Sesame seed in domestic market during 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The export of Sesame seed made by NAFED during the last three years was as under:-

<i>Years</i>	<i>Quantity (MT)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. Lakhs)</i>
1988-89	220	24.50
1989-90	4115	517.31
1990-91	18	3.00

(b) The range of wholesale price per quintal for the four major centres during 1989-90 and 1990-91 was as under:-

	Centre	Year	1989-90	1990-91
(i)	Hyderabad		Rs.700-740	Rs. 998-1125
(ii)	Bombay		Rs. 1000-1525	Rs. 1250-1550
(iii)	Barhampur (Orissa)		Rs. 800-1040	Rs. 780-1200
(iv)	Kanpur		Rs. 755-1135	Rs. 1260-1450

Commission Paid to Foreign Agents

6958. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed by NAFED for appointing foreign agents;

(b) the number of foreign agents at present on the panel of NAFED and for which commodities; and

(c) the total commission paid to these

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agents, commodity-wise during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Business Committee of NAFED's Board of Directors appoints foreign agents.

(b) NAFED does not maintain any panel of agents. NAFED has however, appointed one agent for procuring business for onion exports and has selling agency agreement with Universal Cooperatives Inc., USA for export of niger seeds.

Commission Paid
(In Rupees Lakh)

Year	Onion	Nigerseeds
1988-89	41.65	39.32
1989-90	9.96	28.70
1990-91	97.11	37.73

SC/ST Employees Recruited in NAFED

6959. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) the number of persons appointed in NAFED in various cadres during last three years; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates among them?