

Cultivation of Vanilla

3167. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage the development of vanilla cultivation.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether farmers are given any assistance or incentive for production, processing and marketing of vanilla;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total production of vanilla produced in the country during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d) Some of the programmes being implemented by the Spices Board for improving production/productivity, processing and marketing of vanilla are :

- (1) Providing financial assistance @ Rs. 5000/- per ha. for making up new planting in the growers' field by meeting 50% of the cost of cultivation.
 - (2) Production and supply of Tissue Culture Plantlets of vanilla at subsidised rate of Rs. 1/- per plantlet.
 - (3) Providing financial assistance and technical knowhow for establishing and maintaining demonstration plots of vanilla in cardamom growing areas.
 - (4) Implementation of two projects with the financial assistance of Department of Science and Technology and Department of Biotechnology under Ministry of Science and Technology by the Indian Cardamom Research Institute (ICRI) of the Spices Board. These projects are :
 - (i) Vanilla Development using Tissue Culture Plantlet through unemployed youth.
 - (ii) Tissue Culture Vanilla Product Plan-under this project the possibility of using vanilla tissue culture plantlets vis-a-vis stem cuttings will be demonstrated.
 - (5) Development and perfection of a curing method for vanilla beans suited to local condition by ICRI.
 - (6) Development of a Protocol for Invitro Multiplication of Vanilla by ICRI. This technology has been transferred to Commercial laboratories.
- (e) The areas planted under the Spices Board's programme and those under the initiative of the elite growers are yet to commence commercial production. The current yield is from few growers who had started

cultivation a while ago. The estimated production during 1995-96 was around one tonne.

Japanese Investment

3168. PROF P.J. KURIEN :

DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japanese investment in India has remained stagnant or declined during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to attract more Japanese investment in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (d). No, Sir. The details of foreign direct investment approved from Japan during the Eighth Plan period are as under :

Year	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
1992	610.23
1993	257.43
1994	400.90
1995	1514.26
1996	803.50
(Upto Sept.)	

Government constantly reviews the investment policy so as to make it increasingly competitive and investors friendly. In addition, the Central Government has recently revamped the Foreign Investment Promotion Board to make the approval process quicker and more transparent. In addition, with a view to attract greater inflows of foreign direct investment, the Government has constituted a Foreign Investment Promotion Council.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

3169. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of industrial units sponsored/directed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Gujarat;

(b) the details of work done by these units during each of last three years; and

(c) the number of cooperative and individual units to whom assistance has been provided by the State Khadi and Village Industry Board during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). Details of number of units assisted by KVIC and KVIB and the details of production by them

during the last three years are given below :

	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Directly Assisted	Assisted Through State Board	Directly Assisted	Assisted Through State Board	Directly Assisted	Assisted Through State Board
Institutions	2	479	19	481	21	478
Cooperatives	-	69	-	68	-	65
Individuals	-	5045	-	5071	-	5071

	Production (In Rs. Crores)			Employment (Lakh Person)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Khadi	32.19	35.74	49.75	0.57	0.52	0.53
V.I.	89.39	96.74	107.85	0.44	0.42	0.47
Total	121.58	132.48	157.60	1.01	0.94	1.00

Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund

3170. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry had asked different State Governments in May 1995 to submit suitable project proposals for getting Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) loan assistance from Government of Japan;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received from different States so far, State-wise;

(c) whether the projects are mainly included Environment, Water-Supply, roads and health sector; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the project proposals of various States received from Central Ministries/Departments/State Governments are listed in the Statement-I enclosed.

(c) Yes, Sir. Besides these sectors viz Environment, Water Supply, Roads and Health, Project proposals were also for Power, Textiles, Irrigation, etc.

(d) This Ministry had posed 28 State Projects to the Government of Japan which are given in the Statement II enclosed. Government of Japan pledged the assistance under 1996-97 OECF loan package for the State projects are listed in the Statement-III enclosed.

STATEMENT - I

State-wise list of State proposals received from various Central Ministries/State Govts. for OECF 1996-97 loan package

Andhra Pradesh

1. Vamsadhara Project (Stage-II)

2. Assistance to the Mentally Retarded of National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.

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3. Health and Family Welfare Project.
4. Four Lining of NH-31-C, NH-31 and NH-37 from Srirampur to Jagiroad.
5. Double Lining alongwith construction of permanent bridges of Kamargaon, Golaghat, Titabor, Moriani, Simaluguri, Joyupur Tinsukhia Road (Dhodar Ali) (State Highway)
6. Double Lining alongwith construction of permanent bridges of Guwahati, Amingaon, Hajo, Barpeta, North Salmara Road (State Highway)
7. Double Lining alongwith construction of R.C.C. Bridges of Guwahati Chandrapur, Morigaon, Nagaon Road (State Highway)

Bihar

8. Widening and Strengthening of Dehri-on-Sone-Akbarpur-Rohtas Pipedih Yadunathpur-Jardag Road
9. Widening and Strengthening of Bhita - Aurangabad-Daltonganj Road
10. Widening and Strengthening of Ranchi, Chaghra-Netraghat road
11. Widening and Strengthening of Ara Sasaram Road
12. Widening and Strengthening of Siwan-Mairwa-Gukthni Road
13. Widening and Strengthening of Dumka-Bhagalpur Road