(English)

UN Military Observer Group

4119. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that "UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)" is stationed in Jammu and Kashmir since January 1949;
- (b) the personnel strength of the Group as on March 31, 1998; and
- (c) whether there are any moves to increase the strength of this group after India-Pakistan Nuclear Tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):
(a) The UN Military observer Group for India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) was established under Karachi Agreement between India and Pakistan of 1949 and has been stationed in Jammu and Kashmir since then.

- (b) The strength of UNMOGIP as on March 31, 1998 was 46.
- (c) Yes, Sir. There are suggestions from Pakistan to increase the strength of this Group.

Incentives to Fruit & Vegetable Growers

4195. SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have launched various incentive schemes for fruit and vegetable growers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the assistance provided to each State under these schemes during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government of Maharashtra has urged to delegate the sanctioning power to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing following central sector schemes for the development of fruits and vegetables in the country:—

- (i) "Integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits".
- (ii) "production and supply of vegetable seeds"; and
- (iii) "Development of Mushroom cultivation".

Under these scheme financial assistance is provided specifically to the fruit and vegetable growers. Under the scheme of "Integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits, assistance is provided for establishment of nurseries, area expansion, rejuvenation of old orchards for improving their productivity and establishment of tissue culture units. Under the scheme of "Production and supply of vegetable seeds", minikits containing seeds of improved varieties and other inputs costing Rs. 150/- are provided to farmers at nominal charges. Under the scheme of "Development of Mushroom Cultivation", farmers are given training in mushroom cultivation and assistance is given to states for setting up of units for production of spawn for distribution to farmers.

The details of the funds released under these schemes during @ @ last three year i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are indicated in the enclosed Statements I to III.

(c) and (d) The State Governments have full authority to identify the areas and beneficiaries to be covered under these schemes in accordance with the norms laid down under the schemes and therefore there is no need for any further delegation in this regard. 273

State-wise release of funds during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 under the Scheme of Integrated Development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits

(Rs. In lakh)

Name of State	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	95.67	262.87	41.00
Arunachal Pradesh	28.00	0.00	22.00
Assam	5.00	2.90	5.00
Bihar	0.00	50.00	71.72
Goa	12.00	0.00	0.00
Gujarat	0.00	41.00	0.00
Haryana	35.00	0.00	34.80
Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	22.00
lammu & Kashmir	83.00	167.88	232.00
Karnataka	92.43	10.60	80.00
Kerala	19.00	42.72	98.50
Madhya Pradesh	190.90	41.42	108.00
Maharashtra	165.00	124.20	100.00

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Manipur	124.17	156.89	182.90
, Meghalaya	33.90	0.00	10.00
Mizoram	32.13	35.34	30.00
Nagaland	32.06	38.14	50.00
Orissa	191.80	258.33	299.00
Punjab	72.00	68.13	25.00
Rajasthan	35.00	41.00	40.00
Tamil Nadu	128.00	129.28	80.00
Tripura	5.00	0.00	15.00
Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
West Bengal	0.00	0.00	70.00
Sikkim	0.00	7.00	10.30
A & N Islands	1.22	0.89	11.30
Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	11.00
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	4.80
Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	4.80
Delhi	19.00	0.00	0.00
Lakshdweep	11.74	10.78	10.19
Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	3.00
Total	1412.02	1489.37	1672.42

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Statement-II State-wise release of funds during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 under the Scheme of Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds

(Rs. In Lakh,

to Questions

Name of State	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	. 2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	15.68	0.00	10.69
Arunachal Pradesh	1.50	0.00	2.05
Assam	0.28	0.00	0.00
Bihar	0.00	31.25	0.00
Goa	1.50	1.50	2.79
Gujarat	6.80	1.12	6.50
Haryana	7.06	0.00	2.99
Himachal Pradesh	8.00	0.00	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	1.92	1.83	4.00
Karnataka	15.09	1.55	8.79
Kerala	4.79	5.69	4.12
Madhya Pradesh	20.55	0.00	36.91
Maharashtra	14.96	7.00	9.50
Manipur	1.50	0.00	23.30
Meghalaya	1.50	1.82	2.80

1	2	3	4
Mizoram	1.50	1.50	3.30
Nagaland	1.50	0.00	5.80
Orissa	8.58	8.58	0.00
Punjab	13.36	7.07	7.50
Rajasthan	8.77	10.60	5.47
Tamil Nadu	4.75	4.34	6.90
Tripura	1.50	1.50	2.50
Uttar Pradesh	63.91	0.00	40.78
West Bengal	14.60	0.00	0.00
Sikkim	1.50	0.00	0.00
A & N Islands	1.06	1.40	2.15
Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	1.50
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.65	10.43	0.00
Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	1.50
Delhi	4.50	2.92	5.00
Lakshdweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pondicherry	1.50	0.00	0.00
Total	228.81	100.10	196.84

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State-wise release of funds during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 under the Scheme of Development of Mushroom

(Rs. In lakh)

Name of State	. 1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	20.00	5.00	0.00
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	20.00	21.60
A s sam	0.00	2.00	9.85
Bihar	0.00	15.00	7.10
Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
Haryana	20.00	17.70	3.20
Himachal Pradesh	0.00	27.10	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	45.00	0.00
Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kerala	0.50	10.00	1.50
Madhya Pradesh	41.00	0.00	0.0
Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	1.50
Manipur	10.00	1.50	41.60
Meghalaya	29.50	15.00	6.50

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1	2	3	4
Mizoram	15.00	27.60	0.00
Nagaland	33.50	41.00	13.10
Orissa	20.00	20.00	41.00
Punjab	0.50	26.50	40.00
Rajasth an	0.00	46.41	0.00
Tamil Nadu	28.50	7.50	1.00
Tripura	19.00	` 1.00	6.05
Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	49.96
West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sikkim	0.00	34.80	11.50
Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
De!hi	0.00	2.50	40.00
Total	237.50	365.61 .	295.46