

Export of Coir Products

9060. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of coir products exported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the targets set for coir export for the

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (Tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. Crores)</i>
1987-88	25148	32.20
1988-89	24979	33.32
1989-90	27246	39.59
	(Provisional)	(Provisional)

Source: Coir Board

(b) A target of Rs. 45 crores has been fixed for coir export during the year 1990-91.

(c) The various steps taken to boost coir exports from India include sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distribution of publicity material, participation in fairs in major markets, quality improvement of coir products, thrust on more value added products and nationalisation of Minimum Export Prices.

Project cost of Pepsi Food

9061. CH. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Food's Potato and Grain Processing unit cost is Rs. 18.5 crores

current year; and

(c) the steps, if any, being taken by the Government to increase export of coir?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The exports of coir and coir products during the last three years have been as under:-

whereas a slightly larger capacity plant of Jagatjit Industries set up 4 months earlier has cost of Rs. 4.9 crores:

(b) the reasons for such a large difference; and

(c) whether any inquiry is proposed to be held in this regard, if so, the details?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited, their potato and grains processing unit cost is Rs. 18.42 crores. In the case of Jagatjit Industries, Noida Plant, the total project cost has been indicated as Rs. 4.93 crores. Government would try to ascertain from the two companies the break-up of the cost of various components of the two projects and to the extent the information is available it will be placed on the Table of the House.