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(iii)	Namrup-I (Revamping)	9.10	1.7
(iv)	Namrup-II (Revamping)	26.43	18.4

Out of the above proposals, the proposal of Fertilizer Corporation of India for revamping of Gorakhpur unit at a cost of Rs. 66.65 crores has been approved by the Government.

[Translation]

Facilities to Extra Departmental Employees

538. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enforce Pro-Rata system to E.D. employees; and

(b) if so, the facilities Government now contemplate to provide to the extra Departmental employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The question of granting Pro-rata wages to Extra Departmental Agents is being examined by the Government.

(b) Besides the prorata wages, the Government is also considering to extend the following facilities to the ED Agents:

> (i) Enhancement of the amount of Rs. 10,000/- to each ED Agent under the Group Savings Linked Insurance of the LIC which would be payable on death.

- (ii) Payment of subsistence allowance during put off duty period.
- (iii) Counting of 25% of service rendered as ED Agent for the purpose of pension etc. consequent upon their selection to departmental cadres.

[English]

Mango Export

539. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the largest and best quality mango producing country in the world;

(b) if so, the approximate area of land under mango cultivation in India as compared to other mango-producing countries of the world;

(c) the approximate value and volume of mango export during the last three years in world mango market as compared to the other mango exporting countries;

(d) whether any research work is being carried out by the horticulturists in several national agricultural institutes in co-ordination with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to win the leading position for India in the world mango export so far as volume of production and quality of produce is concerned; and

(e) if so, the details and the objectives