

1	2	3
(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

thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). Official estimates on area under mango cultivation in India are not available. Data about area under its cultivation in different countries are also not available. However, India's share in the total mango pro-

duction of world is the largest as per FAO estimates. Alphanso variety is one of the best Indian Mangoes and is considered to be the best at home and abroad.

(c) Export of Indian mango in world mango market as compared to the other mango exporting countries is negligible. The export of fresh mango and its approximate value during 1985-86 to 1987-88 was as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity in tonnes</i>	<i>Value in Rs. in lakhs</i>
1	2	3
1985-86	16539	1944
1985-86	10500	1200
1987-88	14900	1730

(d) and (e). Research work on mango with following objectives is being carried out by the Institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, State Agricultural Universities and Centres under All India Co-ordinated Research Project on sub-tropical fruits to win the leading position for India in the world mango export.

1. Breeding suitable varieties showing regular bearing and freedom from spongy tissue and having good colour for export purposes.
2. Developing package of practices for higher production in different climatic zones of the country.
3. Standarizing control measures for major pests and diseases and
4. Developing proper technology for reducing post-harvest losses and for processing.

Number of Indian Haj Pilgrims Killed in Mecca Stampede

540. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI VAKKOM PU-
RUSHOTHAMAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Haj Pilgrims killed in the stampede at Mecca during the Haj pilgrimage; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to help the families of the deceased Indian pilgrims?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) I say with deep regret that ten of our fellow citizen lost their lives in the stampede.

(b) Immediately on receiving informa-