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participation in the power Projects of Nigeria, Cooperation in the field of dairy development, cooperation in the field of Agriculture, cooperation in the field of upstream and downstream projects in the oil sector and participation in Nigeria's privatisation plan in steel sector.

Tobacco Crop Holiday

4449. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) Whether Government have decided to declare tobacco crop holiday all over the country for the next season *i.e.* 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the alternate crops suggested to the tobacco farmers and the assistance proposed to be given in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Fruit and Vegetables

†4450. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) Whether it is fact that fruits and vegetables are also being exported from the country for the last several years;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government have taken a decision to extend some incentives during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) yes, Sir.

- (b) Government has not taken any decision on extending some fresh incentives during the current year;
- (c) Does not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.