

10 State Seed Certification Agencies (Rs. 11.70 crores), 13 State Seed Corporations (including NSC and SFCI) (Rs.- 121.79 crores), 62 Institutes/Stations of Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agricultural Universities (Rs. 15.32 crores), 11 State Department of Agricultural (Rs. 2.64 crores), 10 Seed Testing Laboratories (Rs. 0.30 crores). This assistance was made available for strengthening the institutions and development of infrastructural facilities such as construction/modernisation of Seed Testing Laboratories, construction of seed storages, development of seed farms, setting up of seed processing plants, computerisation and procurement of farm machineries.

(b) Under the National Seed Project-III Rs. 8.15 crores was provided to the Assam Seeds Corporation for institutional strengthening and creation of infrastructural facilities and Rs. 0.98 crores to Assam State Seed Certification Agency for construction of Seed Testing Laboratory, computerisation, procurement of seed testing equipments and development of Grow Out Test Farm. Besides, assistance of Rs. 1.11 crores was also provided under the National Programme for Varietal Development to other North-Eastern States namely, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Nagaland for strengthening of seed production facilities like development of seed farms, procurement of farm machineries and setting up of seed processing plants. In addition, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Seed Development Programme for not easily accessible and remote areas", assistance of Rs. 0.99 crores was provided to Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura for farmers' training, seed transportation, seed demonstration and development of infrastructural facilities for seed multiplication. Further, State Farms Corporation of India owns and operates two farms for seed production at Kokilbari and Barpeta in Assam.

Assistance to Mango Growers

3220. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 153 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th May, 1998 and state:

(a) when Government propose to give financial assistance to the Mango Research Centres to revamp research and tap international market and also assistance to mango growers for the crop loss; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is already conducting research on mango at Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore, Central Institute of Sub-tropical Horticulture, Lucknow and at eight other centres in the country identified under the All India Coordinated Projects on Sub-tropical Fruits. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is supplying a research project on 'Vapour Heat Treatment' of mangoes for tapping developed markets like United States of America and Japan since these countries have banned the import of fruits without this treatment. There is no proposal to give assistance to the mango growers because mango is not covered under Crop Insurance Scheme.

उत्तर प्रदेश में जलागम विकास परियोजनाएं

3221. श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के बाह्य सहायता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय जलागम विकास परियोजना से संबंधित चार प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास लम्बित हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि 8.4.1996 को 12.28 करोड़ रुपए की दक्षिण भागीरथी तृतीय चरण जलागम विकास परियोजना, टिहरी गढ़वाल, का प्रस्ताव भी इनमें से एक है;