

(b) The Government has implemented several schemes enabling land conservation. Under the National Project for Management of Soil Health and Fertility there is provision for setting of Soil Testing Laboratories to promote balanced use of fertilizers. The Government is also promoting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for control of pests with judicious use of pesticides.

(c) to (e) The Government regulates the quality of fertilizers through Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 which prohibits the manufacture, import, storage and sale of non-standard fertilizers. The fertilizers which meet the prescribed standards are allowed for manufacture, import and sale. Similarly, quality control of pesticides is administered under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 *inter alia* through regular sampling of pesticides from manufacturing units as well as pesticide dealers.

Rich yield of fruits

151. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether country is likely to get a rich exportable fruit yield this year, including pineapple, apple, mangoes and oranges;

(b) if so, the expected yield this year compared to last three years; and

(c) the quantity of fruit and fruit products expected to be exported this year as compared to last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The available data on production of various fruits for the period from 2005-06 to 2007-08 and that for the year 2008-09 indicates that there has been consistent increase in overall production of fruits. The details are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) The export of fresh fruits and Vegetables and processed fruits and vegetables during the last three years is as under :

	Quantity : Mts Value : Rs lakhs					
	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09*	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
Fruits	347660	87188	365732	91185	394484	91606
Processed Fruits & Vegetables	474903	146134	478509	147250	513187	193551
TOTAL :	822563	233322	844241	238435	907671	285157

* April 2008 to Feb 2009

Source : DGCIIS