

EXPORT OF BANANAS

199. SHRI BABA SAHEB SAVNEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of bananas produced in India in a year;

(b) what is the quota earmarked for exports during the current year and what is the amount of foreign exchange expected to be earned therefrom;

(c) what facilities as to refrigerated shipments are made available for such export and what export incentives are given or are proposed to be given; and

(d) what is the acreage under banana cultivation from 1951 to 1962, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The value of bananas produced in a year in India is estimated at Rs. 60 crores.

(b) There is no quantitative restriction on export of bananas. Bananas valued at Rs. 20.2 lakh were exported in 1962. We expect to export more this year.

(c) The Sahakari Shipping Mandal Bardoli (Gujarat) possess a refrigerated steamer for export of bananas to foreign countries. Refrigerated steamers are also chartered for export of bananas, whenever necessary. All facilities required for export of bananas are being provided. A Banana Committee is being set up for promotion of exports of bananas.

(d) Acreage under banana cultivation from 1950-51 to 1960-61 is given below:—

	Area '000' acres
1950-51	346
1951-52	356
1952-53	318
1953-54	326
1954-55	346
1955-56	378
1956-57	367
1957-58	442
1958-59	448
1959-60	449
1960-61	391

AUCTION OF PLOTS AT JOR BAGH,
NEW DELHI

200. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the news reports regarding high prices of land paid at auction in Jor Bagh and state the highest price per square yard at which plots were recently auctioned by Government at Jor Bagh, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): Rs. 308.65 per square yard.

201. [Transferred to the 14th March, 1963.]

ARREARS OF INCOME-TAX

202. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of arrears of income-tax as on the 31st December, 1962?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): The effective arrears of Income-tax as on the 31st December 1962 amounted to Rs. 181.33 crores.