

Vikas Patra, Kisan Vikas Patra, Post Office Monthly Income Scheme, and National Saving Scheme to improve the collections. On account of these instruments, the net collections have considerably increased. Besides, the loans to State Governments against the net small savings collections have been increased from 66.6% to 75% with effect from 1.4.1987.

[English]

### Export of Polyester Staple Fibre

9357. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Rayon and Synthetics Fibres Committee, Paris, has strongly protested over Indian Companies exporting polyester staple fibre to Europe and the U.S.;

(b) if so, the changes made by Committee;

(c) whether the changes made have been looked into by Government of India, and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) to (d). The

International Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Committee, Paris, is reported to have sought information from the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council of India regarding prices at which Polyester Staple Fibre is being exported from India to Europe on the Ground that export prices of the product from India appear to be substantially lower than European Prices.

In response, the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council has provided information to the International Rayon and Synthetic Fibres Committee regarding prices at which information confirms that the charges regarding underselling by the Indian exporters are unfounded. So far, Government of India have not received any representation from either the exporters or importers in this regard.

### Cardamom Production

9358. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:  
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGRI-  
YAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the state-wise production of cardamom during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): The estimates of production of cardamom during the last two year are as under:

<i>Small Cardamom</i>	<i>M.T.s.</i>	
	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>
Kerala	2820	1925
Karnataka	1000	745
Tamil Nadu	430	450
	4250	3120