

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

	<i>M.T.s.</i>	
	1988-89	1989-90
<i>Small Cardamom</i>		
<i>Large Cardamom</i>		
Sikkim	3500	2500
West Bengal	500	450
	4000	2950

Impact of Musical Programme of Residents

9359. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is providing musical programme at the annual functions of the Residents' Welfare Associations in Government colonies;

(b) if so, whether such parties are not giving proper musical programme and are depicting programme like 'Nashabandi' which instead of having good effect on the minds of the children, whose number at such programmes is more, tends to lure them towards drinking etc.; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to review the programmes of these parties and to bring improvement therein?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is providing musical programmes like dance-drama, drama, puppet shows, folk recitals/ folk music, harikatha, burrakatha, yakshagana, street plays, etc. besides Light and Sound programmes during major festivals including annual functions of the Residents' Welfare Associations in Government colonies where large number of people congregate. This is to create awareness

among the people about the various national programmes of socio-economic significance and themes like national integration, patriotism, communal harmony, eradication of untouchability, health, family welfare, prohibition, drug abuse, etc. including 'Nashabandi' which create an impact on prohibition.

(b) It is not a fact that the private parties conducting such programmes are presenting programme on 'Nashabandi' in a way which instead of creating good effect on the minds of the children tends to lure them towards drinking, etc.

(c) There is already a scheme of screening of these parties after every two years when all items presented by them are screened to keep them abreast of the new themes and techniques. The parties are also provided with guidelines and suitable scripts and the programmes are also updated on the basis of audience reaction/feedback. Workshop are also conducted annually in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, UNESCO, etc. whereat practical training are also imparted to these parties.

[*Translation*]

Clay Mines in Satna, Madhya Pradesh

9360. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: