

BUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Govt. of Meghalaya has not sent any proposal for purchase of Mobile Vans under the Revamped Public Distribution System in 1993-94.

(b) Does not arise.

Delegation of Teachers

4906. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for sending Teachers as "Indian Delegation of Teachers" to any foreign country as sent earlier during October-November, 1992 to Japan; and,

(b) if so, the norms of selection of teachers and the composition of the Committee of Selection Board?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). There is no proposal for sending teachers as "Indian Delegation of Teachers" to any foreign country. No such delegation visited Japan during October-November, 1992. However, for the last three years from 1991, five Indian School teachers of Social Sciences were deputed per year to participate in the "Secondary-School Educators Study Tour Programme" in Japan. This annual Tour Programme is organised by the Japan Foundation, Tokyo. The selection of teachers is also made by them from the panel of names sent by the autonomous bodies of the Ministry of Human Re-

source Development. In 1992, the Study Tour took place in the month of June. A reference from the Japan Foundation, inviting nominations for the same Study Tour Programme this year has been received.

Education through Electronic Media

4907. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to augment the application of its Electronic media viz. Doordarshan and All India Radio for the dissemination of education by opening universities under distance education programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University, the details of the telecast and broadcast of programmes related to distance education are as under:—

(1) Indira Gandhi National Open University Doordarshan

6.30 - 7.00 a.m. on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the National Network.

All India Radio

7.15 - 7.45 a.m. on every Monday, Thursday and Saturday from Bombay.

6.00 - 6.30 a.m. on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from Hyderabad.

In addition to the above, one hour daily telecast was also introduced on the Enrichment Channel of Doordarshan but the same was discontinued by Doordarshan after their recent reformatting of the telecast channels.

(2) **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad**

Two lessons of 15 minutes duration is broadcast on All India Radio, Hyderabad, 6 days a week for a total of 3 hours per week.

(3) **Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik**

The YCMOU has decided to develop an in-house production facility for audio and video programmes to broadcast programmes in Marathi by All India Radio, Bombay.

Production of Cardamom

4908. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of large (black) cardamom during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the names of States which are larger producer of cardamom during 1993-94;

(c) whether a large quantity of cardamom is being exported;

(d) if so, the details thereof separately during the above period; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost up the production of cardamom in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to latest information available, the total production of cardamom (large) in the country during the last three years is given as under:—

States	(Tonnes)		
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Sikkim	3800	3800	3600
West Bengal	925	934	1031
Total	4725	4734	4631

(b) The main cardamom (large) production States are Sikkim and West Bengal.

(c) and (d). A substantial quantity of production of cardamom (large) is being exported. The details of exports during the last three years are as under:

Year	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1990-91	1077	491
1991-92	910	505
1992-93 (P)	1264	863

P = Provisional.

(e) In order to increase the production of cardamom (large), the Government has implemented a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for the Development of Spices during Eighth Plan. Under this Scheme, establishment of