

<i>Year</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i> <i>(Tonnes)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1985-86	196,000	200,465
1986-87	209,000	219,520
1987-88	225,000	235,197
1988-89	244,000	259,172
1989-90	265,000	292,000 <i>(Estimate)</i>

**HRA to Government Employees Working in Pattukottai Tamil Nadu**

2893. SHRI M. SELVARASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of Pattukottai town, Tamil Nadu had exceeded 50,000 as per 1982 records of census held in 1981;

(b) whether Central Government employees working there have demanded classification of this town as "C" class for the purpose of grant of HRA;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon;

(d) whether HRA is granted w.e.f. 1.4.1984 to Central Government employees working in Kavaikal town, which was having less than 50,000 population in 1981, by inclusion of new areas to it;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to consider to classify Pattukottai as "C" class city keeping in view the latest population records; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) According to 1981 Census, the population of Pattukottai town as on 1.3.1981 was less than 50,000.

(b) The All Central Government Employees Co-ordinating Committee, Pattukottai raised a demand for classification of this town as a "C" class city on the basis of mid-term population estimates.

(c) For classification of a city as "C" class for grant of HRA, the population of its Municipal area, as revealed in Decennial Census (1981) should be over 50,000. This criterion is not fulfilled in the case of Pattukottai town. Mid-term increase in population is not taken into consideration for this purpose.

(d) Yes, Sir. By inclusion of new areas in Karaikal Municipality, the population of Karaikal town exceeded 50,000 as per 1981 Census and was classified as 'C' class city w.e.f. 1-4-1984.

(e) and (f). No Sir, in view of 'C' above.

### **Export of Medicinal Plants**

2894. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicinal plants are being exported to various countries; and

(b) if so, the names of plants exported quantity-wise and country-wise during last one year indicating their prices?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.