

last aircraft in June, 1994. So far as Indian Airlines is concerned, 12 Airbus-320 aircraft are being inducted into the fleet during 1993 and 1994 of which 5 have already arrived, 2 more are expected to be delivered in 1993 and the remaining 5 in 1994.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OF CARDAMOM

2059. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to import cardamom during the current year;

(b) if so, the quantity of cardamom proposed to be imported and the total estimated cost of such imports;

(c) the total production of cardamom in the country during each of the last three years;

(d) whether cardamom was available during each of the last three years for export from India and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any floor price has been fixed by the Government for cardamom and if so, the details thereof, years-wise ; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF

STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details of total production of cardamom (small) during the last three years are given below :—

1990-91	. . .	4750MT
1991-92	. . .	5000MT
1992-93	. . .	4250MT*

*Final field estimate

(SOURCE : Estimates of Spices Board based on field sample survey and market sales data)

(d) The export of cardamom (small) from India during the last three years are given below :—

Year	Export(MT)	Export as % share in production
1990-91	. 400	8%
1991-92	. 553	11%(P)
1992-93	. 175	4%(E)

(P) Provisional

(E) Estimate

(SOURCE : DGCI&S, Calculata/shipping bills export returns)

(e) No, Sir.

(f) A number of steps are being taken by the Spices Board with a view to increasing production/productivity of cardamom in the country. These include :—

(i) Production and supply of quality planting material;

(ii) Irrigation & Land development;

(iii) Replantation of uneconomic gardens;

(iv) Propagation of high yielding varieties through tissue culture for improving productivity;

(v) Extension advisory services.