

savings in the public sector in 1983-84 have come as a shock both to the Planning Commission as well as to his Ministry ;

(c) if so, the rate of decline of the savings in public sector undertakings in 1983-84 ;

(d) the time by which the steps are likely to be taken for this reformation ;

(e) whether net domestic savings of the public sector in 1983-84 had declined to Rs. 3900 crores from 4929 crores in 1982-83 ; and

(f) the other steps that are being taken to improve their performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) :

(a) to (f) According to "quick" estimates of the Central Statistical Organisation, the net domestic saving of the public sector declined by about 21% from Rs. 4929 crores in 1982-83 to Rs. 3900 crores in 1983-84. In National Accounts, savings of the public sector include the savings of the Government Administration and also of the public sector enterprises. It may be noted that according to Reserve Bank of India the overall saving performance of the public sector in 1983-84 may not show a decline if the surpluses generated in the oil sector were fully taken into account.

The Government had constituted a Committee to review policy for public enterprises under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arjun Sengupta. The report of the Committee has been submitted to the Government and is under consideration.

Dry Port (Free Port) Opened in Delhi to Encourage Export

241. **SHRI KAMAL NATH :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Dry Port (free port) has been opened in Delhi to encourage exports ; and

(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):

(a) An inland container depot (ICD) commenced functioning in Delhi on 13th March 1984. A container freight station (CFS) has also been functioning at Patparganj in Delhi since 4th February, 1985.

(b) The facilities offered at the ICD and the CFS include, amongst others :

(i) Customs examination of import/export cargo moving in containers on a through bill of lading.

(ii) Facilities for handling and storage of cargo moving in containers.

(iii) Transport of containers by rail to the port of Bombay and onwards to the destinations by sea.

(iv) Payment of duty drawback to the exporters after the cargo is 'entered' with the Customs for export.

Long-Term Strategy for Higher Productivity and Lower Cost of Cultivation of Cardamom

242. **PROF. P. J. KURIEN :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government appreciate the need for evolving a long-term strategy for attaining higher productivity and lower cost of cultivation in respect of cardamom ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cardamom Board has been implementing various schemes for attaining higher productivity at low cost through long and short term programmes, such as rehabilitation of