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PRODUCTION OF CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a substantial increase in the production of cardamom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the development programmes for improving production/ productivity of cardamom being undertaken by the Government/ Spices Board?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Production of cardamom have shown mixed trends during last three years. The details of production of Cardamom (Small & Large) during the last three years is given below:

Year Production (In M.Tonnes)

Small Cardamom Large Cardamom

1996-97	6625	5150
1997-98	7900	5265
1998-99	7170	4210
1999-2000	9290	2353

Midterm estimate

c) The development programmes for improving production / productivity of cardamom (Small & Large) undertaken by the Government / Spices Board include production and supply of quality planting material, replanting of old and uneconomic and diseased plantations, irrigation and land development programmes and extension advisory services. Spices Board also supports in constructing / renovating community curing houses for processing large cardamom scientifically. Spices Board's research wings viz., Indian Cardamom Research Institute(Myladumpara, Kerala), substations at Sakaleshpur (Karnataka), Thadiankudissai (Tamil Nadu), Gangtok (Sikkim) have also undertaken a number of research activities for increasing production and productivity of Small and large cardamom.