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LOK SABHA**

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PRICE STABILISATION FUND TRUST
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restructure the Price Stabilisation Fund Trust by including more crops such as cardamom, pepper, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details and the present position in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Presently, there is no proposal to restructure the Price Stabilisation Fund Trust (PSFT). However, the PSFT is working on a Modified Price Stabilisation Fund (MPSF) Scheme by addressing the identified bottlenecks of the old PSF Scheme and making the proposed MPSF Scheme more beneficiary friendly. Apart from other modifications, the trust propose to include small and large Cardamom in the MPSF Scheme.