

| <i>Particulars</i> | <i>Amount (Rs. in crores)</i> |
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| 1 | 2 |
| i) Schematic lending by banks | 89.05 |
| ii) Seasonal Agricultural Operations (SAO) | 175.00 |
| iii) Short term credit requirements of Regional Rural Banks | 8.00 |

(b) The total disbursements target fixed by NABARD during the previous year 1989-90 was as under:

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| i) Schematic lending | Rs. 73,997 crores |
| ii) Crop loans | Rs. 200 crores |

(c) to (g). The refinance support of NABARD for Gujarat is expected to boost the farm production through ground level credit support extended by the Banks. In addition, it will promote the growth of Agriculture and other activities, ensure adequate credit support to the weaker sections of the society and improve quality of lending. It will also result in generating additional employment opportunities in the rural sector. The progress of credit support to rural industries is also monitored by NABARD through its regional office in the State.

Export of Farm Products

8367. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have requested Union Government to reconsider the provision for import of farm products in the new import and export policy; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the suggestions received for change in the import and export policy were duly considered at the time of formulation of the new Import and Export Policy. It was decided to maintain status-quo in respect of certain agricultural and plantation products such as coconut oil, copra, natural rubber, synthetic rubber, coir yarn and spices except nutmeg and mace which were under CGL for stock and sale but have been brought under licensable category, under the new Policy.

Decline in Export of Cardamom Pepper, Ginger and Cashew

8368. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the export earnings of cardamom, ginger