and cashew during 1988-89; and

Written Answers

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) and (b). The following were the export of cardamom, paper, ginger and cashew during the two years 1987-88 and 1988-89:

Value : Rs. crores

Year	Cardamom	Pepper	Ginger	Cashew
1	2	3	4	5
1987-88	3.40	240.58	4.89	326.86
1988-89	9.88	164.20	9.53	281.84

Exports of pepper in 1988-89 were lower because of lower production, negligible carryover stocks and late arrivals of crop. Fall in exports of cashew during 1988-89 was due mainly to competition from Brazil where US business has invested in cashew with buyback arrangements and competition from other cheaper nuts such as almonds and pistachios.

Exports Targets

8369. SHRI MANORANAAN BHAKTA: SHRI ANBARASU ERA: SHRIP, NARSA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the exports target set and the achievement there against during 1989-90; and
 - (b) the exports target fixed for 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND **TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):** (a) The export target for 1989-90 was set at Rs. 28,025 crores. As against this target, aggregate exports in the first eleven months i.e. April 1989-Feb. 1990 are provisionally estimated at Rs. 24,506 crores.

(b) Export target for 1990-91 has been fixed at Rs. 36,000 crores.

Export of Footwear

8370. SHRI **MANORANJAN** BHAKTA: SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan and Australia have relaxed curbs on import of footwear:
- (b) if so, whether Indian Leather Industry has taken steps to increase export of footwear to these Countries: and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) Imports of footwear into Japan and Australia are controlled through annual global quotes and