

efforts for bringing out greater coordination should be further stepped up.

35. There is need for extending training facilities covering all aspects of mass communication including journalism by the Indian Institute of Mass communication to all States. While it may not be possible for the IIMC to expand its training programmes to cover all States, it would be desirable if the curricula of various courses are standardised so as to enable universities, institutes etc. to adopt them in their regular courses

36. The interaction between the State Governments and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has to be further stepped up. More periodic conferences, especially in State Capitals are desirable. Though it is not possible to have an annual conference in every State, some modalities could be worked out for holding regional conferences followed by an annual conference at Delhi

Export of Basmati Rice

8446. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the quantity of Basmati rice exported during 1989-90 and the foreign exchange earnings therefrom; and

(b) the countries to which exports were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN) (a) According to the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) the quantity of basmati rice exported during 1989-90 is provisionally estimated at 3.9 lakh metric tonnes valued at Rs 404.68 crores

(b) Bulk of the basmati rice exports have been to Saudi Arabia, U.S.S.R., Kuwait, U.A.E., U.K., and Oman.

Export of Pepper

8447. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the present export position of pepper.

(b) the status of Indian pepper in International market, and

(c) whether Government propose to constitute Pepper Board in view of the problems being faced by pepper cultivators and also to increase the export of pepper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) The export of pepper during 1989-90 was 36601 M T valued at Rs 160 crores

(b) Indian pepper is considered better in quality. India's share in world export is estimated at around 24% during 1989-90

(c) There is no proposal to constitute a Board separately for pepper.

Drug Trafficking by Bangladesh

8448. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh slaving illegally in the country have been caught as Drug Couriers or Drug Sellers or smugglers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?