

factor in pepper trade this year. The Government has advised the Spices Board to extend all possible help to the exporters in their marketing efforts.

### STATEMENT

*Major Countrywise export of Pepper from India during 1987-88 to 1989-90*

Country	Qty. MT Value Rs. Crore					
	1987-88		1988-89		1989-90	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
USSR . . . . .	17570	106.95	9540	44.32	20020	95.66
FRG . . . . .	2042	10.94	1856	8.15	873	3.72
ITALY . . . . .	1070	6.46	1921	8.65	1237	4.53
SPAIN . . . . .	166	0.86	343	1.62	55	0.13
YUGOSLAVIA . . . . .	1920	12.21	1803	8.43	938	3.76
SINGAPORE . . . . .	561	2.23	336	1.13	60	0.09
USA . . . . .	7279	42.69	4779	21.97	2161	7.70
CANADA . . . . .	832	4.80	1083	4.70	1001	3.49
SAUDI ARABIA . . . . .	1495	9.24	1408	6.21	875	3.21
OTHERS . . . . .	8076	44.20	14951	59.02	9381	37.58
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>41011</b>	<b>240.58</b>	<b>38020</b>	<b>164.20</b>	<b>36601</b>	<b>159.87</b>

#### Open House meetings by Ministry of Commerce

5100. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether open house meetings were organised by his Ministry at different commercial centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the issues raised with meetings; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Six open houses have already been held, namely at Ahmedabad (22-5-1990), Cochin (26-6-90), Bombay (14-7-90), Madras (26-7-90), Delhi (27-8-90) and Jodhpur (3-9-90).

(c) and (d) Main issues raised by exporters in these open houses pertain to (a) Exim Policy (b) 100% Export Oriented Units and Units in Export Processing Zones (c) Credit and Finance (including ECGC and RBI) (e) Infrastructure. The suggestions made are kept in view while taking decision on these matters. They have also been forwarded to the concerned offices/Departments for action.