

Posts as well as the Customs authorities. However, a decision to open a Sub-foreign post office at Surat was taken in August, 1989 but the same could not be implemented due to the ban on creation of posts and non-availability of suitable rented accommodation. A suitable accommodation has now been located and the same is being processed for renting by the Department. The SFPO is likely to be opened soon thereafter.

[English]

### Pepper Cultivation

1289. SHRI P. C. THOMAS:  
SHRI PALAI K. M. MATHEW:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new disease is fast spreading in Pepperwines in the country;

(b) if so, the causes of this disease and preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost pepper cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) There is no report on the occurrence of a new disease on pepper.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various steps have been taken up by the Government to boost the pepper cultivation such as production & distribution of rooted pepper cuttings of the high yielding varieties, nucleus planting material of pepper, rehabilitation of old and diseased pepper vines, distribution of kits and plant pro-

tection sprayers, laying out new demonstration plots alongwith the maintenance of existing plots.

### Participation In ECO'92

1290. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar regarding ECO'92 was organised recently in New Delhi and if so, the summary of the recommendations made; and

(b) whether the Government propose to send a large contingent to the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) to be held in Brazil in June 1992?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government of India is aware of the ECO'92 Public Forum organised in New Delhi on 19 September 1990 and attended by Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland. The ECO'92 Public Forum did not adopt any Summary Recommendations.

(b) Government of India would be appropriately represented at the UN Conference on Environment and Development to be held in June 1992. A meeting of NGO's is also likely to be held in parallel with that Conference. The nature of participation in that NGO meeting is for the NGO's to decide.

### Training to Youth Under TRYSEM

1291. SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM) has proved to be a trendsetter in motivating jobless youth to take to self-employment ventures; and