

(a) The quantity of non-basmati rice exported during 1985;

(b) the countries to which this rice has been exported and the total value thereof; and

(c) the plan of export for the year 1987-88 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b). Export of non-basmati rice was not permitted during 1985.

(c) Government has decided to allow export of a limited quantity of non-basmati rice during 1986-87. Export policy for 1987-88 will be decided taking into account the production prospects and assessment of likely surpluses available for export.

Decreasing exports to sterling dollar countries

3339. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that though the variety of items of India's export is increasing and Indian goods are flowing into new markets, growth of exports in sterling and dollar area countries has been slack;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the factors influencing India's foreign trade ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) India's exports to West Europe, USA and Canada have increased in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The factors influencing India's foreign trade include slowing down in some of the major economies of the world, protectionist barriers faced by India's exports in many developed countries, depressed state of commodity markets, inadequate surplus or supply of goods matching the export demand, the cost structure of the industry, and inadequacies of infrastructure.

Production of Spice

3340. DR. CHINTA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of some major spices in the country like cardamom, pepper, ginger, turmeric, chillies and saffron for the past three years, State-wise;

(b) the exports of these spices, State-wise;

(c) the amount spent on R and D, State-wise on each of the above six items; and

(d) the precise results in increasing productions of each of these commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) A statement is given below (Statement-I).

(b) State-wise statistics of India's exports are not compiled. However, export statistics on all India basis are given in another statement given below (Statement-II).

(c) Another statement is given below (Statement-III).

(d) While it is not possible to quantify the increased production as a direct result of research and development in productivity, and the quality of spices.