

motion policy framed by the General Insurance Corporation. There is no more recruitment of technical staff in Superintendent's cadre. All such promotees have generally accepted the functions allotted to them except a few who have represented through their organisation. After this one-time promotion, the technical staff would have better opportunities for further advancement and career prospects.

Species Import

7133. SHRI K. MOHANDAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any spices are being imported;

(b) if so, the names and quantity imported annually during last three years;

(c) whether these spices are not produced in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). A Statement showing import of spices during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 is given below. Data beyond 1985-86 is not available.

(c) and (d). Cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon are produced in the country to a certain extent. For increasing production of these spices, progeny gardens have been established in Kerala and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In the Seventh Plan it is proposed to distribute 1.9 lakhs seedlings of clove at subsidised rate. Research is being undertaken to select high yielding varieties, standardisation of agro-techniques etc.

STATEMENT

Import of spices during 1983-84 to 1985-86

Sl. No.	Description of items	1983-84		1984-85		1985-86		Qty. in Tonnes
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Pepper of Genus 'Piper' Pimento of the genus 'Capsicum' or of the genus (piments)							
	a) Chillies	2	0.13	48	3.09	3	0.25	
	b) Cilli powder	11	2.71	5	0.15	—	—	
	c) Black pepper, garbled,	—	—	57	10.59	80	33.14	
	d) Black pepper, ungarbled	—	—	50	10.13	—	—	
	e) Light black pepper & pinheads	—	—	10	2.70	45	19.51	
	f) Pepper, long	855	68.14	258	24.63	577	31.52	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
g)	Other pepper and pimento (e.g., pepper, white)	2	0.46	60	10.15	11	4.18
n)	Pepper, powder	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total I	870	71.14	488	61.44	716	88.60
II	Vanilla	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total II	—	—	—	—	—	—
III.	Cinnamon and Cinnamontree Flowers	1752	605.75	1510	433.85	1602	443.86
	Total III	1752	605.75	1510	433.85	1602	443.86
IV.	Cloves (whole fruit, cloves & stems)	2710	3091.21	2447	2023.15	3053	1698.16
	Total IV	2710	3091.21	2447	2023.15	3053	1698.16
V.	Nutmeg; mace & Cardamoms	744	139.30	485	97.18	95	24.08
	Total V	744	139.30	485	97.18	95	24.08
VI.	Seesa, of arise, badian, fennel Coriader, coumin, caraway & iunipar	516	96.69	537	94.82	587	99.22
	Total VI	516	96.69	537	94.82	587	99.22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VII.	Ginger (excl. ginger preserved in sugar or conserved in syrup)	613	30.30	5024	232.74	1582	46.52
	Total VII	613	30.30	5024	232.74	1582	46.52
VIII.	Thyne, saffron, bay leaves, other spices	1155	74.36	803	47.94	327	22.68
	Total VII	1155	74.36	803	47.94	327	22.68
	GRAND TOTAL (I to VIII)		4108.75		2991.12		2423.12

Source : (i) 1983-84 : Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India, Vol. II (Imports) Published by DGCI & S, Calcutta.
and 1984-85

(ii) 1985-86 : Advance Data received in the Ministry of Commerce (Eco. Division) from DGCI & S, Calcutta,