

directly provided loans to autonomous bodies of the State of Punjab.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Number of Daily/Weekly Newspapers Registered and Published from Nagaland

7512. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily/weekly newspapers registered and running in Nagaland; and

(b) the newsprint allocation made to them, year-wise and daily/weeklies-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) As per the live register maintained in the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India, there are only eight weekly newspapers from Nagaland registered with that office.

(b) No newsprint had been allocated to any of the eight weeklies during the last five years as no formal applications were received from them in the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India.

New Market for Chillies

7513. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANGARDHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of chillies have gone down considerably owing to Sri Lanka not importing our produce;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to find some other foreign market for chillies to benefit farmers; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGILSHREEDHARAN): (a) The estimated export of chillies during the last two years have been as under.

Year	Total export from India		Exports to Sri Lanka	
	Qty. M.T.	Val Rs. lakhs	Qty. M.T.	Val Rs. lakhs.
1	2	3	4	5
1988-89	7926	1872	2001	407
1989-90	10713	2099	1733	378

As the total exports have increased during the year, the fall in prices of chillies in 1989-90 is largely due to bumper crop.

(b) and (c). Spices Board has already initiated the following steps to increase exports of spices including chillies.

(1) Invited a delegation from Sri Lanka for a buyer seller meet in India. They visited Cochin, Bombay, and Madras during last week of February, 1990. (2) Proposed a sales-cum-study delegation to:

(i) U.S.A.