

Nagpur	Maharashtra	Handtools
Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Marine Products
Mecrut	Uttar Pradesh	Sports Goods
Aligarh	-do-	Brass Locks
Agra	-do-	Leather footwear
Khurja	-do-	Pottery
Kancheepuram	Tamil Nadu	Silk
Sivakasi	-do-	Safety match
Salem	-do-	Handtool
Ambala	Haryana	Scientific instruments
Jamnagar	Gujarat	Brass Parts
Rajkot	Gujarat	Engine pump
Vapi-Ankleshwar	Gujarat	Chemicals
Bataia	Punjab	Machine Tools
Bhagalpur	Bihar	Weaving

Import of Cardamom

719. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cardamom imported during 1994 and so far during the present year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the farmers are getting a very low price for cardamom and that they cannot even meet the expenses for cultivation with such a low price; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop import of cardamom till the domestic price of cardamom raises to a reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.

CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Quantity of cardamom imported during 1994-95 and 1995-96 (upto May, 1995) are as under:-
Qty: Tonnes

	1994-95	1995-96 (upto May 1995)
Cardamom (Small)	20	-
Cardamom (Large & others)	2186	26

SOURCE: DGCI&S, CALCUTTA

(b) According to the information received from the Spices Board there has been a decline in the price of cardamom in the recent months. However the productivity of cardamom has also increased during the past few years. Hence, it cannot be said that farmers cannot meet the cost of cultivation.

(c) Cardamom is under the Negative List of Imports and hence

cannot be imported except against an import licence.

Market Survey by ITPO in South Africa

720. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI-BHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) has recently concluded a market survey in South Africa;

(b) if so, the items identified as a result of this survey and possibility of organising trade development programmes such as trade fairs and exhibitions, investment, joint venture to strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two countries; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. India Trade Promotion Organisation conducted a market survey in South Africa in January, 1994.

(b) The survey has identified following items for export to South Africa:—

Garments, textiles, home furnishings made-ups, rice, beans, lentils, spices, coffee, computer software and hardware, sports and exercise bicycles, handtools and machine tools, agricultural implements and diesel pumping sets, builders' hardware including bathroom and sanitary fittings, electrical fittings, industrial fasteners, surgical and medical equipments, stuffed toys, handicrafts, utility-cum-decoratives, leather goods, footwear, forgings & castings, bulk drugs, chemicals & dyes and earth moving equipments.

The surveys has also dealt with the possibility of organising exclusive Indian Exhibition or participating in some trade fairs in South Africa such as SAITEX in

addition to exploring the possibilities of investment, setting up joint ventures and strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two countries on a long term basis.

(c) The Government had adopted the following measures to boost trade with South Africa:—

(i) creating better awareness about Indian goods by organising participation in international fairs/exhibitions in the region;

(ii) exchange of industry and trade delegations;

(iii) holding of exclusive Indian exhibitions/fairs;

(iv) holding of regional conference of commercial representative conference to identify emerging opportunities;

(v) holding periodic official level bilateral discussions to resolve bottlenecks.

Ceiling on cultivation of Virginia Tobacco

721. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ceiling has been fixed on the cultivation of Virginia tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total quantity of tobacco exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The authorised crop size of Flue-cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco fixed by the Tobacco Board for 1995-96 season in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Karnataka is 100.87 Million Kgs.

(c) Quantity of Tobacco exported and