

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 23
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th DECEMBER, 2022

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF CHILLI

23. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the total chilli production and exports in the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a separate Chilli Board to bolster India's position as the top chilli producer and exporter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any efforts to address the problems faced by chilli industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The total chilli production and exports in the last three years has been given below:

EXPORT AND PRODUCTION OF CHILLIES FROM INDIA			
	Export		Production
YEAR	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS.LAKHS)	QTY(MT)
2018-19	468500	541117.50	1515560
2019-20	496000	671039.53	1841800

2020-21	649815	924126.56	2049213
2021-22(est)	557168	858188.59	1866108
Source (Production): State Agri/Horti Departments/DASD Kozhikode			
(est): Estimate;			
SOURCE: (Export: DGCI&S, CALCUTTA/SHIPPING BILLS/EXPORTERS' RETURNS.			

(b) & (c): The mandate for production, research, development and domestic marketing of Chilli is vested with Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Spices Board has the mandate for export promotion of spices including chilli. Under this, Spices Board is undertaking activities for post-harvest improvement, building market linkages and export promotion of spices including chilli. Currently, the aspects of production, quality management and export promotion of chilli are covered by Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Spices Board.

(d) & (e): The Export Development & Promotion component of Spices Board's scheme titled 'Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion & Quality Improvement in Spices and Research & Development of Cardamom' aims at promotion of spices including chilli international markets, supporting exporters for infrastructure development, value addition, trade promotion etc. Besides, Government of India through Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare implements various development programmes for the development of chilli in the country under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) through respective State Horticulture Missions (SHM). The mission programmes are aimed at increasing production, productivity and quality of the produce to meet the growing demand in the domestic as well as export market.

In addition to this, various other steps have been implemented by Spices Board to support chilli industry like establishment of spices parks for processing, value addition and storage of spices including chilli; constitution of Chilli Task Force Committee; organizing training programs for stakeholders of chilli aimed at quality improvement and entrepreneurship development; quality evaluation of export consignments of chilli through quality evaluation laboratories to ensure compliance with quality specifications of importing countries.
