

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of cash crops in the country during each of the last three years crop-wise and States and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the quantum of cash crops exported/imported during the above period, year-wise, crop-wise and States and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the market price of each crop during the above period year-wise;
- (d) whether Government are considering to formulate any specific scheme to increase the production and export of cash crops in various States of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the funds are proposed to be provided to State Governments under this scheme; and
- g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The information is being collected from the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) & (c): Export Import data of the country as a whole is maintained and not state-wise. The quantum of some of the cash crops, exported during each of the last three years and their Market price are as under:

CROP YEAR EXPORT(QTY:MT) IMPORT(QTY.:MT) AVERAGE MARKET PRICE

Spices	1997-98	230531	34079	Av. Market price
	1998-99	209829	61124	Varies from spice to
	1999-00	195793	29671	
Spice.				
Cashew	1997-98	81348	246204	35 (Rs./kg. Raw nut)
	1998-99	76169	243347	42 (Rs./kg. Raw nut)
	1999-00	93215	200584	48 (Rs./kg. Raw nut)
Sugar	1997-98	173282	346905	1472 (Rs./Ql.)
	1998-99	12735	900471	1454 (Rs./Ql.)
	1999-00	7043	1114940	1491 (Rs./Ql.)
Tea	1997-98	193700	2610	66.89 (Rs./kg.)
	1998-99	210395	8930	76.43 (Rs./kg.)
	1999-00	183807	9770	72.80 (Rs./kg.)
Coffee	1997-98	160272	N.A.	114 (Rs./kg.)
	1998-99	193610	1684	106.50 (Rs./kg.)
	1999-00	165309	1647	97 (Rs./kg.)
Cotton	1997-98	157534	4.13(Lakh bales)	2198 (Rs./Ql.)
	1998-99	41960	7.87(Lakh bales)	2091 (Rs./Ql.)
	1999-00	16750	22.01(Lakh bales)	1969 (Rs./Ql.)
Rubber	1997-98	1415	32070	3580 (Rs./Ql.)
	1998-99	1840	29534	2994 (Rs./Ql.)
	1999-00	5989	16436	3099 (Rs./Ql.)
Tobacco	1997-98	144697	350	37.29 (Rs./kg.)
	1998-99	88964	350	38.46 (Rs./kg.)
	1999-00	138022	310	44.77 (Rs./kg.)

1 bale = 170 Kgs.

(d) & (e): Some of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to enhance production/export of agro products including cash crops include:

1. Providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical

knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, trainings and publicity, rejuvenation of old plantations, area expansion, improving productivity and training of farmers.

2. Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control and modernization of processing units.
3. Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.
4. Providing assistance in development of data base and dissemination of market information.
5. Providing assistance for setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality, eliminating contamination & ensuring freedom from fungi and bacteria.
6. Transfer of production technology through field demonstration and farmers training for the use of critical inputs such as seed, implements, assistance for water saving devices like drip in cotton and sugarcane schemes, moist heat seed treatment unit in sugarcane etc.

(f) & (g): During the IXth Five Year Plan through Centrally Sponsored Schemes, under technology Mini Mission III relating to improvement in market infrastructure, Government is providing 60% of the expenditure subject to specified ceiling for development of market yards and the remaining expenditure is borne by the APMC of the State Government concerned. Under Mini Mission IV relating to modernization of ginning and pressing factories, capital incentives @ 25% of the cost of modernization subject to a ceiling of Rs.20 lakh per factory is given to the entrepreneur. For Mini Mission II of Technology Mission on cotton for the year 2000-01, Government of India has allocated funds to different States amounting to Rs.4869.49 lakhs. Similarly for sustainable development of sugar cane based cropping system, the Central Government have allocated fund amounting to Rs.748.925 lakhs to different States in the country.