

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF SPICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of various spices exported during 2001-02, item-wise;
- (b) whether the exports of spices has been declined during 2001-02 as compared to the previous year;
- (c) if so, the extent to which it has declined;
- (d) the reasons for the decline; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of spices?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a) :As per the latest data available, the item-wise exports of major spices during the period April- February, 2002 is given below:-

Items Exports during April- February, 2002

	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)
Pepper	20,500	189.02
Cardamom (Small)	800	46.36
Cardamom (Large)	1,200	19.61
Chilli	64,000	222.24
Ginger	7,500	23.16
Turmeric	34,000	77.73
Coriander	10,100	34.35
Cumin	12,250	105.20
Celery	4,300	13.37
Fennel	3,500	13.78
Fenugreek	4,200	12.10
Other Seeds (1)	4,400	15.17
Garlic	1,000	2.92
Other Spices (2)	35,000	156.45
Curry Powder	5,600	38.48
Mint Oil	3,300	116.11
Spice Oleoresins & Other Oils	4,000	353.98
Total	215,650	1440.02

Source: Spices Board

(1) Include Aniseed, Ajwan Seed, Dill Seed, Poppy Seed, Mustard etc.

(2) Include Tamarind, Asfoetida, Cinnamon, Cassia, Kokam, Saffron etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) It is constant endeavour of the Government to increase the export of spices. Apart from the general trade policy reforms, some of the steps taken to boost export of spices include rationalisation of cess on export of spices @ 0.5% to make them price competitive in the overseas market; implementation of brand promotion schemes like `Logo Promotion`; grant of `Spices House Certificate` as a recognition of processor /exporter of quality products; setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality; technology transfer; process upgradation and product development.