

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF CHILLY IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of the chilly in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have taken any steps to enhance and emphasise organic farming of chillies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Spices Board selected any areas in Andhra Pradesh to encourage organic farming of chillies;
- (e) if so, the locations thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken to boost the production and export of chilly?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a): State-wise production of chilly in the country during the last three years is as follows:

Production (`000 tonnes)

State/UT 1996-97 1997-98 1998-99

Andhra Pradesh	562.0	338.3	403.3
Arunachal Pradesh	1.5	1.0	1.6
Assam	9.9	9.5	9.7
Bihar	4.5	4.5	4.7
Gujarat	18.8	21.3	18.2
Haryana	2.6	2.2	1.5
Himachal Pradesh	0.3	0.3	0.3
Jammu & Kashmi	0.4	0.4	0.6
Karnataka	161.2	130.8	142.6
Kerala	0.5	0.6	0.6
Madhya Pradesh	17.4	23.7	19.7
Maharashtra	59.6	6.8	57.7
Manipur	4.3	4.6	5.3
Meghalaya	1.1	1.1	1.1
Mizoram	3.3	3.3	3.3
Nagaland	3.8	4.2	9.6
Orissa	40.7	72.4	76.6
Punjab	7.4	8.0	8.0
Rajasthan	59.7	66.4	49.2
Tamil Nadu	38.2	42.4	39.7
Tripura	0.9	1.0	1.2
Utter Pradesh	18.6	17.1	15.5
West Bengal	49.7	55.8	51.3
Pondicherry	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.

All India 1066.4 870.1 921.3

b) & c): Spices Board has taken up programmes under the UNDP project for promoting organic farming in chillies in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland. Programmes are proposed to be implemented through NGOs by way of training of farmers of chilly in that area. Literature containing guidelines and production methods of organic cultivation of chillies has also been prepared by the Spices Board for the benefit of NGOs, State Governments etc.

d) No, Sir.

e) Does not arise.

f) Measures implemented to boost production of chilly include production of nucleus seed, establishment of demonstration-cum-seed multiplication plots, demonstration of plant protection measures, distribution of mini kits, area expansion and establishment of peprika demonstrations.

Steps taken to boost export of chillies are as follows:

i) Supply of polythene sheets at subsidised cost for drying chilly under hygienic conditions; ii) Assist growers in construction of drying yards for drying chillies; iii) Quality improvement through regular training of growers, traders, officials of state NGOs and exporters. iv) Opening up of a Regional Office at Hyderabad and a Zonal Office at Guntur for implementing and monitoring the activities of the Spices Board.

In addition, other steps taken to boost export of chillies include Establishing/upgradation of laboratories for ensuring quality, implementation of brand promotion schemes like `Logo Promotion`, grant of `Spices House Certificate` as a recognition of processor/exporter of quality products, assisting in acquiring ISO 9000 and HACCP quality control systems in chilli processing/manufacturing units.