

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF GINGER AND TURMERIC
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of Ginger and turmeric at present in the country, area-wise and quantity-wise;
- (b) whether ginger cultivation is improving in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether ginger farmers are in difficulty due to low price for their produce especially in Kerala;
- (e) if so, the details of prices of Ginger during the last three years, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government propose to fix price for Ginger and Turmeric every year;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a separate Trade Centre for the sell of said products in the States, particularly in Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh;
- (i) if so, the details thereof;
- (j) whether the Government have any scheme of providing assistance to the farmers of Krishi Vigyan Kendra area of Orissa for growing ginger and turmeric; and
- (k) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): As per latest available statistics, ginger and turmeric is grown in the country over an area of 0.78 lakh ha. (1998-1999) and 161.4 lakh ha. (2000-2001) and the production is 2.63 lakh tonnes and 6.66 lakh tonnes respectively, for the same period.

(b) & (c): The area under ginger cultivation has increased from 0.66 lakh ha. in 1995-96 to 0.78 lakh ha. in 1998-1999. The production during the same period has increased from 2.10 lakh tonnes to 2.63 lakh tonnes.

(d) & (e): The average annual prices of ginger in important markets in the country are given below:

(Rupees per quintal)

Year	Kozhikode-Kerala (Dry)	Kolkata-West Bengal (Wet)	Chennai-Tamil Nadu (Red)	Guwahati-Assam (Wet)
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1999-00	6689	3013	8587	2340
2000-01	5236	2017	8323	1952
2001-02	3124	1269	5692	1305
2002-03#	2399	1224	4907	911

Upto October, 2002.

(f) & (g): There is no proposal under consideration to fix prices for ginger and turmeric every year. However, Market Intervention

Scheme is implemented on the request of the State Government for procurement of horticultural commodities, including ginger and turmeric, at mutually agreed prices, if the State Government is ready to bear 50% losses in the procurement operations. No request from any State Government including Kerala, Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh has been received so far for implementing Market Intervention Scheme for ginger or turmeric.

(h) & (i): There is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to set up separate Trade Centre for the sale of ginger and turmeric in the States of Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Government of Orissa is, however, assessing exportability of the products by creating Agricultural Export Zone for which a study has been approved.

(j) & (k): There is no specific scheme to provide assistance to farmers of Krishi Vigyan Kendra areas of Orissa for growing ginger and turmeric. However, assistance is available for production & distribution of planting material, area expansion, pest & disease management, field demonstration for development of spices including ginger and turmeric under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementing/Complementing the State Efforts through Work Plans'. The scheme provides flexibility to State Government to prioritize the crops and interventions as per the need.