

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1110
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PRODUCTION OF CHILLI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether as a result of good chilli crop last year and the consequent availability of large exportable surplus in the country, the chilli exports have touched all time high during 2004-05;
- (b) If so, the total production of chili during 2004-05 and the extent to which it was more in comparison to 2003-04;
- (c) The countries where chillies has been exported during the said period;
- (d) Whether the Government is considering to provide more facilities to chilli growers during 2005-06; and
- (e): if so, the facilities and other assistance provided to the chilli growers to improve its production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The export of chilli increased from Rs.366.88 crore in 2003-04 to Rs. 499.01 crore during 2004-05.
- (b) The estimated production of chilli during 2004-05 is 10.59 lakh metric tonnes against 9.59 lakh metric tonnes during 2003-04, an increase of about 9.3 percent.
- (c) The major export destination of Indian chilli during 2004-05 were Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, United States of America (USA), United Arab Emirates (UAE), Malaysia and Indonesia.
- (d) & e) Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `National Horticulture Mission` with effect from 2005-06 to address the over all development of horticulture in the country. Development of spices including chilli through supply of seeds & planting material, area expansion, creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and markets form an integral part of the scheme.