

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

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FALL IN RED CHILLIS EXPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether during 2002-2003 A.P. had exported about 60,000 tonnes of red chillies;
- (b) whether the red chilli exports from Andhra Pradesh dipped at least by 25 to 30% in the current season due to poor quality;
- (c) if so, the main reasons for drop in chilli exports; and
- (d) the steps being considered to help chilli growers to improve export of chilli?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- a) State-wise data on export of chillies is not maintained. However, during 2002-03, out of the total exports of 81,022 tonnes of chillies from India, the bulk of the chillies exported was sourced from Andhra Pradesh.
- b) As stated above, Information in regard to exports from different States is not maintained. However, export of chillies from India during 2003-04 indicated an increase, both in quantity and value, as compared to the previous year.
- c) Does not arise.
- d) Steps taken by the Government to improve export of chilli include, inter-alia, supply of polythene sheets; construction of drying yards; training programmes for quality improvement; popularising integrated pest management practices; post harvest infrastructure development and strengthening of existing laboratory in Guntur.