

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

- (a) whether Southern States of the country are major spices supplying States for exports of spices;
- (b) if so, the contribution made by these States in exports of spices during each of the last three years, State-wise, particularly by Karnataka; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Spices Board and the Union Government to boost production export of spices in Southern States?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise data for export of spices from India is not maintained.

(c) In order to boost production of spices in India, including in the Southern States, Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission under which promotion of production of spices is undertaken through area expansion, technological dissemination and integrated pest management. National Horticulture Board also provides back ended capital investment subsidy for commercial cultivation of perennial spices. Spices Board has also been implementing a number of Plan schemes for promoting cultivation of a number of spices.

Steps taken to boost export of spices from India, including from the Southern States, are post harvest improvement through training and infrastructure development; trade promotion; extending support for upgradation of technology; introduction of high tech spice processing, setting up/upgradation of laboratories, accreditation of units in Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)/ Hazard Assessment and Critical Control Point (HACCP) / International Standards Organisation (ISO), packaging development, printing of business brochures, business tours abroad, sending business samples abroad; support for organic farming of spices; award of Spice House Certificate and Indian Spices Logo for popularizing good manufacturing practices, good hygienic practices and branded spice products.