

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1249

ANSWERED ON:21.08.2007

EXPORT OF SPICES

Budholiya Shri Rajnarayan;Patil Smt. Rupatai Diliprao Nilangekar;Rani Smt. K.;Shivanna Shri M

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of various items of spices including processed spices exported and foreign exchange earned, item-wise and country-wise during the last three years including the current year, till date; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of spices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The total quantity of various items of spices including processed spices exported and foreign exchange earned, item-wise is at Annexure-I. The country-wise export during the last three years is at Annexure-II.

(b): The steps taken by the Government to boost export of spices are as under:-

1. Upgradation of technology for high end value addition and developing capabilities to meet the emerging global food safety standards.
2. Adoption of high-tech processing technologies such as cryo-grinding steam sterilisation, super fluid extraction and advanced system of packaging.
3. Assistance for setting up / upgradation of in-house laboratories of exporters for testing among other things, pesticide residues, aflatoxin, physical, chemical and microbial contaminants and chemical composition of spices.
4. Adoption of quality certification procedures leading to accreditation under ISO, HACCP, SQF 2000, organic certification etc.
5. Development of innovative packaging for branded consumer packs for spices and spice products and adoption of barcode.
6. Assistance for printing promotional brochures / folders on spices and spice products for distribution in the overseas markets
7. Encouraging exporters to participate in international trade fairs, meetings etc and undertake business tours to develop personal rapport and relationship with overseas buyers by offering assistance.
8. Offer of assistance for sending business samples abroad.
9. Promoting worldwide direct sale of premium category of branded Indian spices viz., 'Flavourit', since march 2005.
10. Award of spice house certificate and Indian spices logo for popularizing good manufacturing practices/hygienic practices/branded products among spice exporters.
11. Promotion of export of organic spices by providing support for:
 - (a) Production of organic spices
 - (b) Production of organic inputs
 - (c) Production of bio-control agents
 - (d) Certification of farms & processing units
12. Quality improvement
 - (a) Harmonization of quality/food safety standards
 - (b) Assistance for setting up of in-house laboratories

(c) Check sample validation programmes to establish the credibility of the quality evaluation laboratory.

13. Spices Board also undertakes generic promotion of Indian spices through participation in international food fairs and exhibitions besides sending business delegations to tap new markets.