

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF MEDICINAL HERBS

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

- (a) whether medicinal herbs are being exported from India to China and from China to other countries of the world at higher prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for directly exporting the said herbs to other countries of the world;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

a) & b): China's total exports of medicinal herbs worldwide is quite substantial vis-À-vis India's exports of medicinal herbs to China. As per COMTRADE, ITC/UNCTAD, China's total export of medicinal plant to China were only US \$ 1.57 million.

c) to e): Under Focus Market Scheme of Government of India, special incentive is given to exporters for exports to CIS, Africa and Latin American countries. The exporters of medicinal herbs can also take advantage of this scheme.