

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SPICE LIST
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the spice list prepared by the Government alongwith the criteria adopted for inclusion of spices in the said list;
- (b) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to include greater Galangal and Lesser Galangal in the spice list; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Spices and condiments are vegetable products or mixtures thereof free from extraneous matter, used for flavouring, seasoning and imparting aroma in foods. A statement showing the list of spice is enclosed at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Greater Galangal (*Alpinia galanga* L.) is already included in the list of spices under the purview of Spices Board. However, all the three viz. Greater Galangal (*Alpinia galanga* L.), Lesser Galangal (*Alpinia officinarum* H.) Galangal (*Kaempferia galanga* L.) are listed as spices by International Organisation for Standardization (ISO).