

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:143

ANSWERED ON:08.03.2010

EXPORT OF SPICES

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

(a) whether the annual export of spices is on the rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up spice parks for improving/providing infrastructure facilities in major spice centres of the country;

(d) if so, the present status thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to establish spice testing and quality evaluation laboratories at different locations of spice production areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such labs would be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a)to f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH MARCH 2010 REGARDING "EXPORT OF SPICES"

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The export has increased from 373750 tons valued at Rs.3575.75 crores in 2006-07 to 444250 tons valued at Rs.4435.50 crores in 2007-08 and further to 470520 tons valued at Rs.5300.25 crores in 2008-09. However, during the current year exports are hovering around the same level as that of last year.

(c) & (d) Government has approved establishment of common infrastructure facilities (Spices Parks) in the major spices growing centers for cleaning, processing, colour sorting, grading & packing facilities etc., primarily to empower the spices farmers through value addition and quality improvement of spices. Rs.62.32 crores have been allocated during the XI Plan period for these parks. The proposed Spices Parks are (1) Puttadi in Idukki district, Kerala (2) Shivaganga in Tamil Nadu (3) Guntur in Andhra Pradesh (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) Jodhpur in Rajasthan (6) Gujarat. While Spice Park at Puttadi is nearing completion others are at preliminary stage. In addition, a Spices Park at Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh is already functioning since February, 2009.

(e) & (f): To meet the quality standards for exports, Government has approved setting up of regional Quality evaluation laboratories at major spice trading/processing centers. In addition to the Quality Evaluation Lab at Cochin, a regional laboratory is functioning at Mumbai and trial run is in progress at Guntur. The Government, has also approved setting up of such laboratories at New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Tuticorin.