

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF SPICES

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

- (a) the details regarding production of spices in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the details regarding names of spices whose demand is rising over the years of the purpose of export;
- (c) whether any scheme has been formulated to increase the production of these spices for meeting demand of export;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the production of spices is commensurate with the demand for export; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Production of spices in India during 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09 is as given below.

Year Production (Tons)

2006-07 40,12,770

2007-08 43,61,680

2008-09 42,32,440

(b) Chilli and seed spices like coriander and cumin are the major spices for which the export demand in general is increasing over the years.

(c) & (d) : Several Development Programmes on Spices are implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Sector Schemes in the major centres of cultivation. The efforts in this regard have been intensified through the National Horticulture Mission launched by Government of India since 2005-06. The mission programmes are aimed at increasing production, productivity and quality of spices produced in the country to meet the growing demand in the domestic as well as export market. Major among them is the production and distribution of planting materials of high yielding and export oriented varieties of spices. Other programmes include area expansion, integrated pest management, organic farming, transfer of technology programmes, seminars, workshops, training programmes etc.

In addition to the above the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Calicut is implementing nucleus planting material production programmes of important spices in all the State Agriculture University/Centres. Further the Directorate organizes National level Seminars / Workshops on various aspects of spices development in the different centers for transferring the available technology for their immediate adoption in the field level.Spices Board under the Department of Commerce under the Government of India has been entrusted with the implementation of replantation/rejuvenation programmes in black pepper under NHM. Spices Board is also implementing of replantation/rejuvenation in cardamom in the States of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

(e) & (f) The export of spices constitute only 9-10% of the total production of spices.India is importing around 100000 tons per annum which include spices for stock and sale and for value addition and re-exports.