

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF PEPPER

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

- (a) whether pepper prices have been rising for the past few months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year;
- (c) the details regarding export of pepper during the last three years, country-wise; and
- (d) the details regarding export targets for the next year and steps being taken to encourage exports of pepper?

**Answer**

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The price of pepper has risen from Rs. 109/kg in the month of March, 2010 to Rs. 210/kg during the first week of November 2010. The average price of pepper during January, 2010 to November, 2010 is given below:

Month	Average price Rs./kg
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January 2010	120.25
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February 2010	114.13
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March 2010	109.20
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April 2010	152.88
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May 2010	161.92
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June 2010	163.15
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July 2010	193.15
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August 2010 197.83

September 2010 198.88

October 2010 191.11

November 2010 210.14  
(first week)

(c) The export of pepper to major countries for the last three years is given below:

2007-08      2008-09      2009-10

COUNTRY	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
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U.S.A	14496.4	21149.9	9979	16325.3	8638.2	13149.9
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UK	1817.8	2583.5	1514.4	2869.1	1604	2908
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Germany	1690.7	2741.2	1200.9	2031.8	1028.9	1945.6
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Canada	1397	2119.3	1281.4	1944.5	896	1379.4
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Italy	1601	2289.5	1287.9	1928	834.4	1249.1
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Australia	1084.6	1697.9	802.2	1400.9	561.7	967
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Japan	620.3	1002.1	494.3	880.5	598	943.5
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Other	12292.3	18366.6	8690	13993.4	5588.9	8850
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Total 35000.1 51950 25250.1 41373.5 19750.1 31392.5

(d): The export target fixed for pepper for 2010-11 is 20,000 tonnes. Two schemes with Government assistance of Rs.120 crores for Idukki and Rs.53.28 crores for Wayanad and North East Region has been sanctioned to enhance pepper productivity and production in the country through replantation and rejuvenation of pepper. Spices Board is implementing export development/promotion programmes during the XI plan period for boosting the export of spices including pepper from the country.