

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge decline in the production of large cardamom in the North- Eastern Region, including Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this decline is due to climate change and/or virus attack;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has designed any programme to address this major issue of livelihood and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is a decline in the production of cardamom(large) in the North Eastern Region as evident from the details given below:-

Year	Area (Hectares)	Production (Tons)
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2006-07	30039	4480
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2007-08	30039	4920
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2008-09	27034	4300
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2009-10	27034	4180
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2010-11#	26984	3960
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Preliminary estimate

(c) & (d) The vagaries in the climatic conditions and disease attack are the major reasons for the decline in the production of cardamom (large). There is also a consistent decline in the effective area under cardamom (large).

(e) Government of India has designed an exclusive scheme viz. Special Purpose Fund for Replantation & Rejuvenation of Cardamom Plantations in Sikkim and Darjeeling district of West Bengal to increase the production and productivity of cardamom (large). Under another scheme viz. Export Oriented Production & Post Harvest Improvement of Spices, there are also activity components facilitating improvement of production, productivity and quality of cardamom. These schemes are being implemented during XI Plan. Both these schemes are implemented by Spices Board