

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

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

- (a) the details regarding spice production in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether the spices production in the country is lagging behind the demand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details regarding quantity and value of export of spices including aromatic spices during the last three years; and
- (e) whether the Indian spice export sector is going through a critical phase and if so, the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of spice production in the country are as given below:

Year	Production (MT)
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2006-07	4664210
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2007-08	5063082
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2008-09	5278863
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- (b) No, Madam.

- (c) Doesn't arise.

- (d) Details of quantity and value of export of spices including aromatic spices during the last three years are given below:

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. Crores)
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2007-08	444250	4435.50
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2008-09	470520	5300.25
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2009-10 502750 5560.50

2010-11 433455 5485.40
(April-Jan)

(e) No, Madam. Spice exports are showing an increasing trend. Spices Board is implementing various export promotion schemes such as adoption of hi-tech processors in spice processing, technology and process upgradation, setting up/upgradation of in-house quality controls, quality certification and training of laboratory personnel, product research and development of spice parks with a view to making India the premier supplier of high-value spices and spice products to the global food ingredients market.