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

- (a) the details regarding pepper production in the country, State-wise; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government for the Pepper Production Programme in various States including Kerala?

Answer

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

(a) The details of state-wise area and production of pepper during the last three years is given below:

State Production (MT)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

Kerala 24785 29152 23322

Karnataka 20185 15645 20339

Tamil Nadu 6036 8238 10298

Total 51006 53035 53959

(b) Two schemes with Government assistance of Rs.120 crores for Idukki and Rs.53.28 crores for Wayanad and North East Region have 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.