

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3226
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PRODUCTION OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various spices including Turmeric and Ginger are produced in abundance in the country including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to setup Research Centres to increase production and marketing facilities for spices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Statements showing spice- wise area and production in the country and in the State of Orissa are placed at Annexure `A` and `B`, respectively.
- (c) to (e): Yes, Madam. The Government has already established Indian Institute of Spices Research at Calicut and National Research Centre on Seed Spices at Ajmer under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) along with All India Coordinated Research Project on Spices with 34 research centres spread over the country.