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EXPORT OF SPICES

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

(a) the details of the production, consumption and export/import of coconut, turmeric, black pepper, cashew and other spices during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, commodity-wise and country-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the quality, adequate availability and contain the prices of these commodities in the domestic market; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the trade of these products?

**Answer**

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(a) Details of production and export/import are enclosed at Annexure 'I'. Consumption data is not maintained. The major destinations for exports of other spices are USA, Saudi Arab, Japan, South Africa, Bangladesh, U.K., Canada, Australia, Iran, etc. Country wise exports are given at Annexure-II, III & IV.

(b) & (c) Coconut Board is implementing various schemes to increase production of coconut namely Production & Distribution of Planting Material, Expansion of Area under Coconut, Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement, Technology Demonstration, Market Promotion & Statistics, Information and Information Technology, Human Resource Development, Financial assistance under Technology Mission and Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens in Traditional States in India.

The Government of India has introduced number of programmes to increase the production and productivity of spices under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) such as production planting material-model nursery, replanting and rejuvenation programme, area expansion, adoption of organic farming, technology dissemination programmes etc. The Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD) implements NHM programme on production of nucleus planting material, seed processing and infrastructure, technology dissemination through frontline demonstration of organic spices and national level seminars/workshops through various State Agriculture University Centres and ICAR institutes. Schemes for pepper development in Idukki & Wayanad districts of Kerala and North Eastern Region are also in operation to increase production of pepper.

Spices Board is implementing various production development programmes for cardamom and post harvest quality improvement programmes for other spices as an export enhancing measure. The domestic marketing of cardamom is monitored by licensing the cardamom auctioneers and dealers. Board has introduced e-auction system for cardamom to ensure transparency and remunerative prices to the cardamom growers.

Spices Board has implemented several export development/promotion programmes during the said period, which include adoption of upgraded technology in spice processing, setting up of quality evaluation labs by the exporters, Quality certification, packaging development and bar coding, product development and research for high-end value addition, sending business samples abroad, setting up of common sterilization units and participation in international fairs/meetings/seminars. Spices Parks are also in the process of being established for providing common infrastructure facilities for cleaning, grading, processing, packing, storing, primarily to promote value addition and quality improvement of spices, along with backward linkages.