

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3256  
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PRICE OF GINGER  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of dry ginger have almost doubled in a year due to shortfall in global production and supply;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to boost the ginger production during the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Prices of dry ginger are rising due to lesser world production and higher demand as compared to previous year's demand and production.

Production of Ginger (lakh tonnes)

Year World Production India Production

2007	15.81	3.93
2008	16.41	3.83
2009	16.15	3.80

Source: FAO

Prices of Ginger (US\$/tonne)

Year	India	China	Nigeria	Korea
2007	1127.0	444.9	1691.6	1568.2
2008	1171.8	1698.2	2052.5	2026.7
2009	1175.9	1762.8	1623.7	2551.4

Source: FAO

(c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) is implementing two centrally sponsored schemes, viz, (i) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) (ii) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) for the holistic development of Horticulture sector by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticultural crops including ginger. Besides, the Government is making available the seeds of ginger on subsidized rates to the farmers through Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission Schemes as given under:

Item	Maximum permissible Cost	Pattern of assistance
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Seed spices and	Rs.25,000/ha	75% of cost i.e.
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rhizomatic spices which       Rs.18750/ha including  
includes ginger.       expenditure on planting  
material and cost of  
material for INM/IPM, etc