

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

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

- (a) the details of the cardamom processing centres in the country, State-wise and area-wise;
- (b) whether there are any fresh proposals for setting up new processing centres for cardamom and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the likely impact of the new processing centre on the next export of cardamom;
- (d) whether the Government has received any representation for creation of a separate fund for cardamom and if so, the reaction of the Government in the matter;
- (e) whether there has been a substantial fall in the cardamom price recently; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to help the cardamom cultivation?

**Answer**

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

a) Spices Board has established only one Cardamom Processing Centre at Spice Park in Puttady, Idukki District of Kerala which is the major production center of Cardamom in the country.

b) No, Madam.

c) The processing facilities available in the Spices Park, Puttady such as cleaning, grading and color sorting will help the exporters in achieving higher value addition in the export market. Export of cardamom from India during the last three years and current year are given below:

Year    Quantity(MT)    Value (Rupee Lakh)

2008-09    750    4726.50

2009-10    1975    16570.25

2010-11    1175    13216.25

2011-12    2300    19574.63  
(April-October)

d) Yes, Madam. Cardamom Farmers' Association has requested for creation of Cardamom Price Stabilization Fund. Its feasibility (of inclusion of cardamom in the existing Price Stabilization Fund Trust) is being examined.

(e & f) Yes, Madam. In order to ensure remunerative prices for the cardamom growers, the Government has introduced e-auction for cardamom for making the auction system more transparent and ensuring better prices for cardamom farmers. A Spice Park has been set up at Puttadi in Kerala exclusively for cardamom and pepper with facilities for cleaning, grading, colour sorting, packing and warehousing. Moreover, the Government through Spices Board is implementing various schemes like Replanting & rejuvenation of cardamom plantations, Planting material production, irrigation & land development, post-harvest improvement activities like construction of curing houses, improved cardamom curing devices etc.