

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

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EXPORT OF HERBAL MEDICINES

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

- (a) whether India's share in the total global export of herbal medicines is very low;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the total export of herbal medicines during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and value-wise; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of herbal medicines and to increase India's share in the global export of herbal medicines?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Main official source to analyze the global pharmaceutical exports trends is UN Comtrade which does not give information separately on herbal medicines. As such, no comments can be given on India's share in the total global exports of herbal medicines.

The exports from India pertaining to AYUSH, which includes herbal medicines also, during the last 3 years, were as follows:

(Rs. In crores)

Category	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Ayush	666.77	741.15	710.8
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Herbals	594.87	570.76	607
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Grand Total	1261.64	1311.91	1317.8
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(c) Exports of herbal medicines to top exporting destinations during the last 3 years were as follows:-

(Rs. In crores)

COUNTRY	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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USA	250.28	203.70	222.40
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Pakistan 48.09 60.65 63.51

Germany 35.07 32.94 37.29

Japan 30.06 47.16 32.46

Bangladesh 10.59 13.96 24.27

Viet Nam 11.28 13.19 19.48

Italy 10.34 8.78 19.31

France 12.21 7.96 13.78

China 18.29 7.47 13.25

UK 22.94 14.54 12.48

(d) Financial assistance is provided to Pharmexcil, Export Promotion Council for pharmaceutical products and other trade bodies for participating in major international fairs, organizing business meets, etc. A separate panel for Ayush products has been created in Pharmexcil to popularize and boost exports of herbal medicines from India.