

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the annual export of spices is on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India is facing a stiff competition from several countries in the export of spices and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up spices parks for improving/ providing infrastructure facilities in major spice centres in the country;
- (e) if so, the present status of the proposals; and
- (f) whether there is any proposal to establish spice testing and quality evaluation laboratories at different parts of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The details of spices export is given below:

Year	Export	
	Quantity(MT)	Value (Rs. crore)
2008-09	470520	5300.25
2009-10	502750	5560.50
2010-11	525750	6840.70

(c) India is facing stiff price competition from other major spices producing countries like Vietnam, Guatemala, China etc. in the export of different spices. In the case of Pepper, being the largest producer and having higher productivity, Vietnam is in a position to offer their produce at a lower price as compared with Indian pepper. Similarly for Cardamom, being the largest producer and having negligible domestic consumption, Guatemala is selling their produce at a lower price. China also now offers Chilli at a lower price than the Indian produce.

(d) & (e) Government has approved establishment of Spice Parks to establish common infrastructure facilities in the major spices growing centres for cleaning, processing, colour sorting, grading & packing facilities etc, primarily to empower the spice farmers through value addition and quality improvement of spices. At present two spice parks viz. Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh and Puttadi in Idukki district of Kerala have started functioning. Spice Park at Jodhpur in Rajasthan has been inaugurated on 7.4.2012.

(f) Yes, Madam. Beside the Quality Evaluation Laboratory already functioning in Head Office of Spices Board, Cochin, Government has approved establishment of seven Regional Quality Evaluation Lab-cum-Training centre in major Port cities of the country for testing and evaluating the quality of Spices being exported from the Country at Mumbai (Maharashtra), Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), Chennai and Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu), New Delhi, Kandla(Gujarat) and Kolkata(West Bengal).