

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTIVITY AND EXPORT OF PEPPER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding pepper export during the last three years;
- (b) the details regarding productivity of pepper and problems affecting pepper plantation; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to boost production and export of pepper and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Details of export and productivity is given below:

Year	Export Qty (MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs.)	Productivity (Kg/Ha.)
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2006-07	28,750	30,620.00	212
2007-08	35,000	51,950.00	250
2008-09	25250	41,373.50	255
2009-10	11500	17,917.00	-
(April-October)			

The predominance of senile and uneconomic plantations, low yielding pepper vines, the changed climatic conditions, incidence of quick wilt, the attack of mealy bugs, virus attack etc. are the reasons responsible for low production and productivity of pepper.

(c) Two schemes with Government assistance of Rs.120 crores for Idukki and Rs.53.28 crores for Wayanad and North East Region has recently been sanctioned to enhance pepper productivity and production in the country through replantation and rejuvenation of pepper. Spices Board is implementing export development/promotion programmes during the XI plan period for boosting the export of spices including pepper from the country.