

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

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

- (a) the details of import and export of spices like cardamom and black pepper during the last three years; and
(b) the steps being taken to modernize this industry and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Details of import and export are given below:

Import of cardamom and pepper

Quantity in Tons and Value in Rs. Crores

Year Cardamom(small) Cardamom (large) Pepper
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

2006-07	623	5.69	6297	54.86	15701	135.97
2007-08	875	8.68	5850	46.35	13500	193.89
2008-09	180	3.09	5950	49.96	10750	176.65

Export of cardamom and pepper

Year Cardamom(small) Cardamom (large) Pepper
Quantity) Value Quantity Value) Quantity Value

2006-07	650	22.36	1500	16.95	28750	306.20
2007-08	500	24.75	1325	15.00	35000	519.50
2008-09	750	47.27	1875	22.81	25250	413.74

(b) In order to modernize the industry, financial support is being provided for adoption of new technology in spice processing, process upgradation, setting up/upgradation of inhouse quality control, quality certification and training of laboratory personnel, product research and development, etc. Spices Board is establishing common infrastructure facilities (Spices Parks) for cleaning, grading, processing, packing facilities etc., primarily to empower the spices farmers through value addition and quality improvement of spices, along with backward linkage in various parts of the country. The country's exports has increased from 348,524 MT valuing Rs.2350.52 crores in 2004-05 to 470520 MT valuing Rs.3070.35 crores in 2008-09.