

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

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EXPORT OF CASH CROPS AND MARINE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a growth in the export of cash crops and marine products during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the share of cash crops and marine products in our total exports;
- (d) the names of other countries with which India faces competition with regard to export of cash crops and marine products; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to tackle the competition and boost exports of these products?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The details are as given below :-

Quantity -Tonnes and Value in Rs. Crore)						
Items	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Tea	2,18,150	2045.72	1,85,320	1888.68	1,90,640	2381.79
Coffee	2,49,029	2007.90	2,18,996	2046.29	1,97,171	2242.64
Rubber	56,545	513.74	60,353	494.31	46,926	450.20
Spices	3,73,750	3575.75	4,44,250	4435.50	4,70,520	5300.25
Tobacco	1,58,254	1685.16	1,73,345	1931.88	2,07,908	3457.79
Cashew	1,22,776	2491.18	1,11,257	2209.60	1,26,147	2900.99
Marine products	6,11,551	8001.04	4,90,060	6926.67	4,64,308	7064.11
Total	17,90,055	20320.49	16,83,581	19932.93	17,03,620	23797.77
%age share in total exports	3.55%		3.03%		2.83%	

(d) The details of competitor countries crop wise is as below:

Items	Main Competitor Countries
Tea	Sri Lanka, China, Kenya and Vietnam
Coffee	Brazil, Colombia, Mexico
Rubber	Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam
Spices	Vietnam, Guatemala, Madagaskar, China, Peru, Bulgaria, Iran, Syria
Tobacco	Brazil, USA
Cashew	Brazil, Vietnam
Marine products	China, Phillipines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia etc.

(e) The Government of India is taking various measures to boost export of these commodities which includes financial and technical assistance to the growers and other stakeholders, participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, brand promotion, public relation campaign etc.