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

- (a) the total quantum of the spices exported from India during each of the last three years and the current year, value-wise and item-wise along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government and the Spice Board to encourage export of spices during the said period; and
- (c) the details of the workshops organized by the Spice Board in different parts of the country during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) : The details of exports during each of the last three years and the current year are as given in the annexure-I.
- (b) : Spices Parks and Quality Evaluation Laboratories have been established in various parts of the country to set up export clusters wherein all the essential common infrastructure of international standard is developed by the Spices Board. The Spices Board is implementing export promotion schemes wherein financial assistance is extended to exporters for infrastructure development in their processing units by installing hi-tech processing machinery and laboratory equipments to test quality parameters of spices. The Board is also extending financial assistance to exporters to participate in international fairs and business delegations, printing promotional literature, taking up international standard packaging, bar coding, sending business samples abroad, developing new high value added products and extending interest free loan to promote Indian brands abroad.
- (c) : The Board is organizing many workshops, meetings, seminars from time to time related to the various issues of spices industry. The Board also participates in the workshops, seminars, meetings organized by other agencies, institutes, chambers of commerce to popularize the activities, schemes of the Board for the export development and promotion of spices. The details of major workshops conducted are given in annexure-II.