

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

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CARDAMOM TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total cardamom produced, exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed the distress of cardamom farmers due to steep fall in prices of cardamom in the domestic market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the cardamom cultivators; and
- (d) the details of measures taken to prevent the smuggling of cardamom to domestic market through neighbouring countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) The details of production, export, import and Auction Price of Cardamom is given below:

Production, Export, Import & Auction Price of Cardamom

YEAR	Production		Export		Import		Auction Price	
	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	(Rs./Kg)	
	(Tons)	(Tons)	(lks)	(lks)	(Tons)	(lks)		
2010-11	10,380	1,175	13,216.25	75	656.53	968.22		
2011-12	15,000	4,650	36,322.28	51	361.71	645.62		
2012-13	14,000	2,250	18,505.92	495	1612.44	699.45		
2013-14 (Apr-May)	-	330	2,664.90	150	540.00	-		

(b) & (c) : The domestic price of cardamom (Small) witnessed a steady increase for the last few years. The average domestic price has increased from Rs.503.48/kg in 2007-08 to Rs.968.22/kg in 2010-11. Due to the higher production of 15,000 tons in 2011-12, the domestic price declined to Rs.645.61/- during the year. The price again showed an increase during the current crop season (Aug 2012-July, 2013). During the current season the average auction price has reached Rs.693.27 per kg. During last three months the price of Cardamom has shown a declining trend with price reaching Rs.557.80 per kg. in July, 2013. To stabilize prices, the Spices Board is implementing both short & long term measures for increasing the production & productivity of cardamom.

(d) : Though there is no reporting of smuggling, Commissioners of Customs, Ministry of Finance has already been requested to take stringent measures to curb cross-border illegal trade.