

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

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TRADE OF SPICES

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

- (a) the average price of black pepper in domestic and international market during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a shortfall in the production of pepper during the said period and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantum of black pepper and turmeric produced, exported and imported during the said period, State, value, and country-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production and export of black pepper and turmeric from the country; and
- (e) whether the Government has received any request for allowing free trade of cardamom and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) : The average domestic price black pepper and the FOB price of black pepper in major producing countries are given below :

Average domestic price & FOB price of black pepper at major producing countries

Domestic Price Fob Price at Source countries (US\$/MT)
(Rs/kg)

| Country/ Year | India | India | Brazil | Indonesia | Malaysia | Vietnam |
|----------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 2010-11 | 197.05 | 4419.08 | 4653.78 | 4170.00 | 4844.50 | 3879.25 |
| 2011-12 | 318.77 | 6609.25 | 6904.58 | 6845.08 | 7284.08 | 6503.33 |
| 2012-13 | 398.18 | 7214.33 | 6550.27 | 6512.00 | 7442.83 | 6511.67 |
| 2013-14 (Apr-Jul) | 370.98 | 6375.75 | 6368.50 | 6392.25 | 7147.25 | 6240.75 |

(b) : The production of pepper in India for the last 3 years is given below.

| Year | Area (Hects.) | Production# (MT) |
|---------|---------------|------------------|
| 2010-11 | 183,780 | 48,000 |
| 2011-12 | 201,381 | 43,000 |
| 2012-13 | 201,381 | 55,000 |

(c) : The quantum of black pepper and turmeric produced, exported and imported during the said period, state, value and country wise.

Year Production, export & import of pepper & turmeric in India

| | Export | Import | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Production | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| | (MT) | (MT) | (Rs.Crs.) | (MT) | (Rs.Crs.) |
| Pepper | | | | | |
| 2010-11 | 48,000 | 18,850 | 383.18 | 16,100 | 270.11 |
| 2011-12 | 43,000 | 26,700 | 878.13 | 17,565 | 533.40 |
| 2012-13# | 55,000 | 16,000 | 672.56 | 15,600 | 569.44 |
| 2013-14# (Apr-Jun) | NA | 4400 | 177.51 | 3300 | 115.50 |
| Turmeric | | | | | |
| 2009-10 | 927,912 | 50,750 | 381.23 | 4450 | 20.87 |
| 2010-11 | 1,268,280 | 49,250 | 702.85 | 3900 | 42.21 |
| 2011-12 | 1,246,220 | 79,500 | 734.34 | 2325 | 30.60 |
| 2012-13# | NA | 80,050 | 539.85 | 2495 | 21.74 |
| 2013-14# (Apr-Jun) | NA | 17500 | 141.68 | 2300 | 19.25 |

Estimate

State wise production of Pepper in India
(Production in Tonnes)

| State | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13(P) |
|------------|---------|---------|------------|
| KARNATAKA | 18240 | 16500 | 23000 |
| KERALA | 20640 | 16000 | 21000 |
| TAMIL NADU | 9120 | 10500 | 11000 |
| Total | 48000 | 43000 | 55000 |

Major state wise production of Turmeric in India (Production in Tonnes)

| STATE | 2010-11 | 2011-12(P) | 2012-13(P) |
|------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| ANDHRA PRADESH | 364044 | 466928 | 506865 |
| TAMIL NADU | 169311 | 277980 | 368413 |
| ORISSA | 189350 | 202920 | 209080 |
| KARNATAKA | 65780 | 90448 | 86954 |
| Total including others | 927912 | 1268280 | 1246220 |

(P) : Provisional

The major Country-wise export of pepper from India for the last three years are given below: Qty in MT & Value in Rs. Lakhs

MAJOR COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF PEPPER FROM INDIA

| MAJOR COUNTRY | 2010-11 | 2011-12(E) | 2012-13(E) | | | |
|---------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | QTY | VALUE | QTY | VALUE | QTY | VALUE |
| U.S.A | 6920.95 | 13883.41 | 9383.35 | 30979.23 | 7177.77 | 29589.56 |
| U.K | 1476.97 | 3273.56 | 1443.90 | 4972.93 | 1309.75 | 5658.19 |
| GERMANY | 715.36 | 1333.37 | 1181.30 | 3842.25 | 747.96 | 3358.90 |
| JAPAN | 592.96 | 1318.51 | 690.29 | 2387.88 | 727.74 | 3233.34 |
| CANADA | 1065.56 | 2111.25 | 897.11 | 2785.94 | 538.72 | 2061.95 |
| AUSTRALIA | 592.01 | 1369.12 | 991.60 | 3464.30 | 468.74 | 2027.61 |
| NETHERLANDS | 403.22 | 804.15 | 475.06 | 1802.73 | 375.60 | 1905.13 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 382.54 | 734.45 | 666.98 | 2081.17 | 387.65 | 1661.19 |
| ITALY | 899.94 | 1807.05 | 1021.20 | 3543.95 | 402.03 | 1567.70 |
| U.A.E | 327.61 | 650.52 | 927.19 | 2810.55 | 399.60 | 1513.07 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| (INCL.OTHERS) | 18850.08 | 38318.50 | 26699.73 | 87813.42 | 16000.00 | 67256.57 |

MAJOR COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF TURMERIC FROM INDIA

| MAJOR COUNTRY | 2010-11 | 2011-12(E) | 2012-13(E) | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | QTY | VALUE | QTY | VALUE | QTY | VALUE |
| U.A.E | 8988.10 | 11184.49 | 16726.31 | 12781.73 | 13176.47 | 7741.71 |
| U.S.A | 2664.02 | 3916.33 | 3323.54 | 5216.66 | 3381.15 | 3658.61 |
| BANGLADESH | 2545.24 | 3281.59 | 8566.95 | 7540.94 | 4828.92 | 3608.43 |
| MALAYSIA | 4330.36 | 6700.41 | 4298.98 | 3807.32 | 5338.91 | 3502.21 |
| IRAN | 2563.43 | 3724.07 | 3810.23 | 3117.28 | 5614.51 | 3001.20 |
| JAPAN | 3066.03 | 5799.29 | 3214.13 | 4450.26 | 2316.02 | 1832.28 |
| U.K | 2091.29 | 3060.82 | 2082.22 | 2537.37 | 1875.57 | 1461.80 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 1891.67 | 2907.78 | 2133.16 | 2533.95 | 2008.69 | 1387.56 |
| SAUDI ARABIA | 1334.35 | 1952.05 | 2946.83 | 2468.52 | 2059.80 | 1353.52 |
| NETHERLANDS | 1509.53 | 2500.64 | 1766.92 | 2340.18 | 1697.63 | 1287.11 |
| TUNISIA | 1347.00 | 2062.13 | 3408.68 | 2980.29 | 2271.70 | 1229.04 |
| TOTAL (inc luding others) | 49250.03 | 70285.14 | 79499.80 | 73434.36 | 80050.00 | 53985.40 |

(E) : ESTIMATE

(d) The Government has introduced number of programme to increase the production and productivity of Spices including turmeric under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) such as production planting material-model nursery, replanting and rejuvenation programme, are expansion, adoption of organic farming, technology dissemination programmes etc. Two schemes with Government assistance of Rs.120 crores of Idukki and Rs.53.28 crores for Wayanad and North East Region have been sanctioned to enhance the pepper productivity and production in the country through replantation and rejuvenation of pepper. Spices Board is implementing various export development /promotion programmes for boosting the export of spice including pepper and turmeric from the country.

(e) A Private Member's Bill introduced in the Lok Sabha on the issue is being examined.