

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the plight of cardamom growers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to assist the cardamom growers;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the production of cardamom is decreasing every year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (d): The production of cardamom in the country during last three years is as under:-

(Qty tonnes)	
Year	Production
2009-10	10075
2010-11	10380
2011-12	15000

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the holistic development of horticulture including cardamom in the country.

Under the missions, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture development such as production of quality planting material, area coverage through high yielding varieties, rejuvenation/replanting of old and senile orchards, creation of water resources, promotion of integrated nutrient & pest management, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development and creation of post harvest management & marketing infrastructure.

The Spices Board under the Ministry of Commerce and Industries is also implementing long and short term programmes for increasing production, productivity and quality of cardamom. Under these programmes assistance is provided for research, replanting, supply of quality planting material, establishment of water storage, installation of improved cardamom curing devices, quality improvement programme, extension support and marketing etc.