GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3844 ANSWERED ON:14.12.2009 EXPORT OF CROPS Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao

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

- (a) the details of export of crops including cash crops during the last three years; and
- (b) the measures being taken by the Government to improve export of crops and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

a) The export of cash crops during the last three years are as given below:

(Quantity in tonnes; value in Rs. crores)
Cash crops 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

Tea 185627 1969.51 197393 2034.17 207271 2687.63
Coffee 213650 1969.00 178303 1872.26 174177 2255.76
Tobacco 158254 1685.16 173345 1931.88 207908 3457.79
Cashew 122776 2491.18 111257 2209.60 126147 2900.99
Rubber 56545 513.74 60353 494.31 46926 450.20
Spices 482795 3157.89 614861 4314.86 675408 6338.13
Total 1219647 1786.48 1335512 12857.08 1437837 18090.5

The details of export of other crops are available on the website of the Department of Commerce at www.commerce.gov.in.

b) The Government of India is taking number of steps to improve export of crops, which include financial and technical assistance to the growers and other stakeholders, under Plan schemes of its autonomous bodies/ export promotion councils, like Tea Board, Coffee Board, Spices Board, Tobacco Board, Rubber Board, Cashew Export Promotion Council of India, etc. Government is also doing various export promotion activities, like participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, brand promotion, public relation campaign etc.

The export of agri and allied products have registered growth in value of 8.6% Out of these, cash crops have registered a growth of 40.70% in 2008-09 over 2007-08.