

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

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SETTING UP OF SPECIAL BOARD OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Special Board with a view to developing the trade of spices like cuminseeds, isabgol, chillies and turmeric and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to provide all kinds of assistance for the trade of said items;
- (c) the total revenue earned from the local trade and export of said items during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has imposed any restrictions/ban on export of spices, particularly turmeric;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government to review the decision in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Spices Board of India already functions with a mandate to promote export of fifty two (52) notified spices including cuminseeds, chilli and turmeric. Isabgol does not come under the purview of Spices Board. The Spices Board implements programmes for marketing, post-harvest improvement and export of spices

(b): Spices Board gives assistance to exporters through various export development and promotion schemes like development of common infrastructure for improved processing, quality improvement, adoption of better technology for processing, grading and packaging, setting up and upgradation of laboratories for quality testing and certification, market study and export promotion of Indian Spices brands through participation in international fairs, meetings and seminars.

(c): The data relating to domestic trade of Chilli, Turmeric and Cumin is not maintained by the Government. However, details of quantity and value of the spices exported during the last three years and current year is as under:-

	(Qty.in tones, value in Rs.crore)							
	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15(April-June)	
Item	Quan	Value	Quan	Value	Quan	Value	Quan	Value
	tity	tity	tity	tity	tity	tity	tity	tity
Chilli	241000	2144	301000	2381	312500	2272	73000	667
Cumin	45500	644	85602	1153	121500	1600	41000	452
Turm	79500	734	88513	555	77500	667	19500	148

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(d): No, Madam.

(e) & (f): Question does not arise.