

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Production of Spices

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of various spices in the country during each of the last five years and the current year, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the area under spice cultivation in India over the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the export figures of spices from India during the last five years along with the India's share in the world spice production and exports;
- (d) the details of the specific schemes and assistance provided by the Government for spice production given to various States including Andhra Pradesh over the last five years; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering for introduction of innovative methods to give much needed fillip for export of spices, if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the Government is helping small and marginal spice growing farmers in the country including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The details of production of various spices in the country during each of the last five years and the current year, state wise including Andhra Pradesh is at Annexure-I.

(b): The details of the area under spice cultivation in India over the last five years, state wise is at Annexure-II.

(c): The details of export of spices from India during the last five years is as under:-
year QTY(TON) VALUE(RS CR)

2012-13 932592 15177

2013-14 895915 15146

2014-15 939008 14848

2015-16 831681 16630

2016-17 1019345 19442

Source:-DGCIS, M/o Commerce & Industry

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As per the estimate provided by Spices Board under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India's share in the world spice export is 48% in volume and 43% in value. Based on the estimates of production of various spices available in FAO, it is estimated that about 25% of the total world spices production is contributed by India.

(d): The Government of India is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for enhancing production and productivity of horticultural crops including spices. Under the Mission, development programmes are being implemented wherein financial assistance is provided to the producers of spices. The mission programmes are aimed at; increasing production, productivity and quality of the produce to meet the growing demand in domestic as well as export market. Major among them are: area expansion (establishment of new garden), production and distribution of quality seeds, Integrated Pest and Disease Management / Integrated Nutrient Management, organic farming, mechanization, Integrated Post-harvest Management, Human Resource Development etc. These programmes are mainly implemented in states through respective State Horticulture Missions.

The various development programmes and the pattern of assistance provided under MIDH are given at Annexure-III.

(e): The Government of India is implementing the following innovative methods through Spices Board to give much needed fillip for exports.

â€¢ Spices Board is establishing common infrastructure facilities (Spices Parks) for cleaning, grading, processing, packing, storing facilities, primarily to empower the spices farmers through value addition and quality improvement of spices, along with backward linkage in various parts of the country.

â€¢ Spices Board is promoting formation of Spices Producers Societies (SPS) and Spices Farmers Producers Companies (SFPC) for aggregation and establishment of common processing and value addition facilities in the growing areas ensuring the quality of produce and thereby realizing better price to the growers.

â€¢ In order to check the quality of spices and spice products for exports, Board has established quality evaluation and testing laboratories with state of the art technology at Cochin, Mumbai, Guntur, Chennai,

â€¢ Delhi, Tuticorin and Kandla. Establishment of a Quality Evaluation Laboratory at Kolkota is in progress to cater to the testing needs of stakeholders in Eastern and North Eastern Region.

â€¢ The Board is implementing mandatory sampling and testing of the spices export consignments to ensure the quality specifications of importing countries.

â€¢ The Board is regularly conducting Quality Improvement Training Programmes for the spices farmers / farmers groups, officials of State Agriculture / Horticulture Department, members of Non-Govt Organizations, Traders, Exporters, etc across the country to create awareness on the updated quality requirements of spices by the importing countries and quality improvement practices to be adopted by the stakeholders to meet the specifications of importing countries.

â€¢ The Board is implementing E-Spice Bazaar project, a new initiative to develop a digital platform to cater the needs of the spices farmers, in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for chillies and turmeric in association with Dept of Electronics and Information Technology.