

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OPIUM POPPY AND GUM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India is one of the few countries that legally grow opium poppy and the only country which produces opium gum
- (b) If so the details there of and the reasons therefor;
- (c) The quantum of opium poppy and opium gum India has produced during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam. As per the reports of the International Narcotic Control Board (INCB), India is one of the few countries of the world that legally grow opium poppy. However, while it is the most significant producer of the opium gum in the world, INCB's reports indicate that DPR Korea, China and Japan also produce very minor quantities of opium gum.

(b) and (c). The details of poppy cultivation and production of opium during each of the last three years are as follows:

	Number of cultivators	Area licenced (hectares)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production of Opium in MT#
2011-12	48,863	23,591	12,092	794
2012-13	46,821	5,859	5,619	371
2013-14	44,348	5,893	5,328	318

at 70 degree consistency

The aforesaid cultivation and production of opium gum is done for medical and scientific purposes.