

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

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EXPORT OF SPICES
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

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

- (a) the total export of spices in terms of quantity and value made during each of the last three years, commodity-wise;
- (b) whether the export of certain spices has gone down substantially during the last two years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of spices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) A statement is annexed.
- (b) While the total exports of spices from India have increased during last two years, export of certain items of spices have come down, as the annexed statement would show.
- (c) Major reasons for decline in exports of spices include emergence of new producers of spices, and more competitive prices being offered by them.
- (d) It is the constant endeavor of Government to increase export of spices. Some of the steps taken, through the Spices Board, include adoption of high-tech processes and technology upgradation for value addition; promotion of Indian spices in major markets through market studies, product development, market promotion; support to organic spice farming, Integrated pest and diseases management, better post harvest improvement programme, research programmes etc.

Annexure

Quantity in Tonnes; Value in Rs. Crores

	2000-01		2001-02 (E)		2002-03 (E)		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Pepper	21,830	380.82	24,000	211.93	20,000	166.10	
Cardamom (Small)	1,545	84.68	900	55.86	550	37.60	
Cardamom (Large)	1,506	24.51	1,250	20.38	1,300	18.48	
Chilli	62,448	229.73	75,000	255.84	83,000	301.55	
Ginger	6,288	26.82	8,000	25.04	8,500	24.09	
Turmeric	44,627	115.58	35,000	84.63	32,000	99.38	
Coriander	12,480	37.36	15,000	45.05	15,500	47.85	
Cumin	18,891	178.35	14,000	123.35	10,000	76.15	
Celery	4,565	14.11	4,500	13.57	4,250	13.46	
Fennel	4,417	18.82	4,000	16.28	4,200	16.67	
Fenugreek	9,353	19.78	6,000	15.10	11,250	25.00	
Other seeds (1)	3,708	14.31	5,000	17.67	12,250	29.24	
Garlic	11,087	12.75	1,100	3.87	1,250	5.71	
Nutmeg & Mace		856	16.30	1,350	19.90	1,400	26.35
Vanilla	22	5.05	27	17.51	25	22.26	
Other spices (2)	18,408	62.86	35,623	144.79	25,975	110.89	
Curry Powder	5,841	43.00	6,250	40.48	6,750	46.40	
Mint oil	4,185	154.98	3,600	127.64	8,500	360.56	
Spice Oleoresins & other oils	3,860	393.71	4,400	386.48	4,250	362.29	

Total	235,916	1833.53	245,000	1625.35	250,950	1790.00
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Value in Million US\$		400.51		341.60		370.10
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(1) Include Aniseed, Bishops weed (Ajwainseed), Dillseed, Poppyseed, Mustard etc.

(2) Include Tamarind, Asafoetida, Cinnamon, Cassia, Saffron etc.

Source: Spices Board (E) Estimated