

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

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POTENTIAL OF HERBAL EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any survey of the potential of herbal exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any safeguards/measures to be taken to see that seeds/seedlings of herbs are not exported in the name of herbal products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government funded a market survey for herbal products in the USA. A Scheme has also been implemented to provide assistance to industry for conducting market survey. In addition through CHEMEXCIL, an autonomous Export Promotional Council, setup by the Department of Commerce, market studies and follow-up activities are being financed to promote exports of products including herbal exports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) With regard to seeds and seedlings as well as parts of plants, herbs etc., necessary safeguards with regard to their exports are provided in Schedule 2 of ITC(HS) Classification of Export & Import Items, 2002-2007 at Code No. 1201 to 1214 as part of EXIM Policy 2002-2007. The said publication is duly notified and has been made available to the Parliament Library.