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EXPORT OF UNANI MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) The value of Unani medicines exported during each of the last three years, country-wise and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; and
- (b) The efforts being made by the Government for the promotion of Unani medicines for export purposes as well as for domestic market?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) Export earnings of Indian Ayurvedic & Unani medicines for the last three financial years, as per latest data, are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

1996-97	-	138.03
1997-98	-	161.01
1998-99	-	133.61

(Source: DGCI&S)

Country-wise data is available in the DGCI&S publication viz. 'Monthly statistics of the Foreign Trade of India'.

- (b) The Government is extending Market Development Assistance for exporters including the ayurvedic and herbal exporters for competing in foreign markets through participation in overseas fairs, exhibition, for mounting trade delegations and for conducting market surveys in foreign countries. Department of Indian system of Medicines and Homeopathy under Government of India exclusively concentrates on all aspects of herbal industry to redress various problems faced by the industry. To provide more focussed attention to export of herbal products. CHEMEXCIL, the concerned Export Promotion Council under Department of Commerce, has a separate Ayurvedic sub-panel. Further, Government is constantly interacting with the herbal industry and the concerned associations to identify and deal with the problems faced by the industry.