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

- (a) whether the World Spices Congress was organised at Mumbai, recently;
- (b) if so, the highlights of the three days deliberations on trade oriented subjects; and
- (c) the achievements made by the Spices Board to boost the export of Indian spices?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b): Yes. Sir. The Fifth World Spice Congress was held at Mumbai from 27th to 29th January, 2000. The theme of the congress was `Spices to Food: New Trends, New Dimensions`. During the event following three business sessions were held in which presentations were made by competent speakers:-

- i) Crops and Markets
- ii) Spices and Food
- iii) Competencies and Capabilities.

c) The Spice Congress, jointly organised by All India Spices Exporters Forum and Spices Board, has emerged as one of the most important event in the spices sector as evident from growing global as well as domestic response. This Congress was attended by about 150 overseas delegates from 37 countries and 250 Indian delegates. Apart from presentations and deliberations during the business sessions, the Congress offered an excellent opportunity for Indian exporters to meet and directly interact with importers of major spices importing countries.