

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

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

- (a) whether any assistance has recently been sought by the Government of Kerala, Spices Board and other pertinent Organisations to enhance the export of spices especially pepper and cardamom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): Proposals were received for providing subsidy for covering the costs towards upgrading, internal transportation and international freight in the export of pepper and cardamom.

(c): Government of India has recently announced a scheme for grant of a WTO-compatible subsidy on export of 20,000 metric tonnes of pepper from India at the rate of Rs. 5.00 per kg (or the actual cost incurred, whichever is less) for international freight and Rs. 2.00 per kg for internal transport, subject to certain conditions. This scheme is implemented as a one time measure and will end on 31 March 2006.