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LOW COST CHINESE GINGER IN INDIAN MARKET

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of Chinese ginger at a lower cost in the Indian market is adversely affecting the ginger production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the impact on the sale of indigenous ginger; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of ginger growers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The domestic prices of ginger are ruling high as indicated from the table given below:

Monthly average price of ginger in Kochi market during 2005 (Rupees/quintal)

Month	Price
January	8000
February	9500
March	12000
April	10000
May	12000
June	9700
July	9000
August	9000
September	9000
October	9000
November	10917
December	11833

As the quantity imported from China is comparatively low, no impact on the domestic prices is reflected in the domestic prices of ginger.

(d): The Government of India is implementing various promotional schemes for increasing production and productivity of horticultural crops including ginger, under the National Horticulture Mission launched recently and the Technology Mission on Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States.