

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has procured spices through the State Trading Corporation Limited during the current financial year due to steep fall in price of various spices;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an exclusive company for the procurement and marketing of spices, especially Pepper, Cardamom, Vanilla, Turmeric etc. and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. The Government does not propose to set up an exclusive company for this purpose. However, the Spices Board has proposed a scheme of equity participation for such purpose in its Xlth Five Year Plan proposal.