

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has permitted import of spices especially pepper and cardamom ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the precautionary measures taken by the Government to save the indigenous spice growers ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(c):India removed all quantitative restrictions on imports except those necessitated, inter alia, on grounds of health, security, public morals and environment in the year 2001. A customs duty of 70% is levied on import of pepper and cardamom.