

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details regarding India`s position in the world in the spices market;
- (b) the quantum and value of export of spices during the last three years;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to include the private partnership in the production and marketing of these products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)& (b) India is the largest producer and exporter of spices and presently enjoys 47% share in the global spice market in terms of volume by exporting spices and spice products to 145 countries. Details of export for the last three years is as under:

Year	Volume (MT)	Value (Rs. in cores)
2006-07	3,73,750	3575.75
2007-08	4,44,250	4435.50
2008-09	4,70,520	5300.25

(c)& (d) Yes, Madam. Spices export is mainly done by private exporters. At present there are 2653 exporters registered with Spices Board. Spices Board is setting up Spice Parks in major growing centers of spices for providing the common infrastructure facilities like road, water, power etc. and processing facilities like cleaning, grading, packing and storage for the spice farmers. The exporters are also allowed to set up processing units in these parks so that they could directly source the fresh raw material from the farmers eliminating the intermediaries. This will ensure remunerative prices for the farmers and also benefit the consumers.