

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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National Spices Policy

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to formulate a National Spices Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total foreign exchange earned by the Government from the export of spices and the target fixed for augmenting the export of spices in future; and

(d) the various steps taken by the Government to promote the spice production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has set up a Tasks Force to formulate a national policy for the development of commercially important spices in the country.

(c): The foreign exchange earned through export of spices for the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year EXPORT

Quantity (Tons) Value (Rs. Crs.) Value (Min US\$)

2012-13 726,613 12112.76 2212.13

2013-14 817,250 13735.39 2267.67

2014-15* 893,920 14899.68 2432.85

*Provisional

The projected year-wise targets of spices export are as under:

Year Quantity (Tons) Value (Rs. Crores) Value (Min US\$)

2015-16 938616 15900 2600

2016-17 985547 17000 2800

2017-18 1024969 18500 3000

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(d): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing the scheme Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture for enhancing production and productivity of horticultural crops including spices. Under this Mission, development programmes are implemented wherein financial assistance is provided to the producers of spices. The major components of the schemes are; area expansion (establishment of new garden), rejuvenation/replanting of old and senile gardens, production and distribution of quality planting materials, Integrated Pest and Disease Management, Integrated Nutrient Management, organic farming, mechanization, Integrated Post-harvest Management, development of market yards, technology dissemination through frontline demonstration and Human Resource Development etc.
