GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

# RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2561**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2015**

**SETTING UP OF 11 SPICE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS**

**2561. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:**

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

* 1. whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up 11 Spice Development Boards for the purpose of promotion of exports of these commodities, if so, the details thereof; and
  2. whether during 2014-15, export of spices added up to just below US 2 billion dollars in India's total exports basket of over US 310 billion dollars and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Government of India has recently notified eleven Spice Development Agencies (SDA) in major spice growing States/Regions of the country. Details of the SDAs are given in Annexure I. SDAs have the mandate to formulate programmes for addressing issues related to production, quality, domestic marketing and export of spices in the region.

(b): The export of Spices from India during 2014-15 was valued at around US$ 2.43 billion. The major item-wise export of spices from India is given at Annexure II.

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**Annex I**

**Details of Spice Development Agencies (SDAs)**

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| Sl No | State | Location | Name of the Agency | Spices | Regions/ States covered |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Guntur | Guntur SDA | Chilli, Turmeric, Tamarind, Pepper, Curry Leaf | Andhra Pradesh and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 2 | Tamil Nadu | Erode | Erode SDA | Turmeric, Chilli, Pepper, small cardamom, Curry Leaf, Tamarind, Herbal Spices, Clove, Nutmeg, Coriander | Tamilnadu and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 3 | Karnataka | Haveri | Haveri SDA | Pepper, Chilli, Cardamom, Ginger, Turmeric, Kokam, Coriander | Karnataka and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 4 | Maharashtra | Mumbai | Mumbai SDA | Turmeric, Chilli, | Kokam Maharashtra and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 5 | Gujarat | Unjha | Unjha SDA | Cumin, Fennel, Coriander, Fenugreek, Chilli, Garlic, Ajowan, Dillseed | Gujarat and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 6 | Rajasthan | Jodhpur | Jodhpur SDA | Coriander, Fenugreek, Fennel, Cumin | Rajasthan and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 7 | Uttar Pradesh | Barabanki | Uttar Pradesh SDA | Mint | Uttar Pradesh and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 8 | Madhya Pradesh | Guna | Guna SDA | Garlic, Coriander | Madhya Pradesh and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 9 | Assam | Guwahati | Guwahati SDA | Ginger, Pepper, Turmeric, Chillies, Large Cardamom, Teipat | Assam and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 10 | Sikkim | Gangtok | Gangtok SDA | Large Cardamom, Ginger, Chillies, Turmeric | Sikkim and other spice growing districts in surrounding region as notified by the Spices Board |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | Srinagar | SPEDA | Saffron | State of Jammu & Kashmir |

**Annex-II**

**ITEM-WISE EXPORT OF SPICES FROM INDIA**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (QTY. IN MT & VALUE IN Rs. LAKHS) | | | | |  |  |  |
|  | 2013-14 |  | 2014-15(Est) |  | | |
| ITEM | QTY | VALUE | QTY | VALUE | | |
| PEPPER | 21,250 | 94,002.34 | 21,450 | 120,842.16 | | |
| CARDAMOM(S) | 3,600 | 28,380.88 | 3,795 | 32,346.75 | | |
| CARDAMOM(L) | 1,110 | 7,961.15 | 665 | 8,403.90 | | |
| CHILLI | 312,500 | 272,227.20 | 347,000 | 351,710.00 | | |
| GINGER | 23,300 | 25,614.27 | 40,400 | 33,133.00 | | |
| TURMERIC | 77,500 | 66,675.85 | 86,000 | 74,435.00 | | |
| CORIANDER | 45,750 | 37,185.65 | 46,000 | 49,812.50 | | |
| CUMIN | 121,500 | 160,006.00 | 155,500 | 183,820.00 | | |
| CELERY | 5,600 | 3,661.48 | 5,650 | 4,302.10 | | |
| FENNEL | 17,300 | 16,001.42 | 11,650 | 13,165.50 | | |
| FENUGREEK | 35,575 | 13,378.37 | 23,100 | 13,947.63 | | |
| OTHER SEEDS (1) | 27,800 | 15,425.65 | 28,250 | 16,512.50 | | |
| GARLIC | 25,650 | 8,387.05 | 21,610 | 8,183.00 | | |
| TAMARIND | 16,000 | 9,440.00 | 13,500 | 8,919.00 | | |
| NUTMEG & MACE | 4,450 | 26,285.62 | 4,475 | 26,797.50 | | |
| OTHER SPICES (2) | 18,700 | 32,406.80 | 23,000 | 35,996.00 | | |
| CURRY POWDER/PASTE | 23,750 | 40,132.03 | 24,650 | 47,626.00 | | |
| MINT PRODUCTS (3) | 24,500 | 343,042.20 | 25,750 | 268,925.00 | | |
| SPICE OILS & OLEORESINS | 11,415 | 173,324.85 | 11,475 | 191,090.00 | | |
| TOTAL | 817,250 | 1,373,539.26 | 893,920 | 1,489,967.53 | | |
| VALUE IN MILLION US $ |  | 2,267.67 |  | 2,432.85 | | |

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