GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 98
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th DECEMBER, 2018

CARDAMOM IMPORTS FROM SRI LANKA

*98.   SHRI K.K. RAGESH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the imports of cardamom from Sri Lanka to India is increasing;
(b) if so, the month-wise details of such cardamom imports from Sri Lanka during the last six months;
(c) whether Government is in receipt of any complaints about the dubious financial dealings involved in such increased imports of cardamom;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether any inquiry is being done into such complaints?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI SURESH PRABHU)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 98 FOR ANSWER ON 19th DECEMBER,2018 REGARDING "CARDAMOM IMPORTS FROM SRI LANKA".

(a)   Details of import of Cardamom from Sri Lanka to India during the last three years and in the current year are given below. While these imports increased between 2015-16 and 2016-17, they have decreased subsequently.

Import of Cardamom from Sri Lanka into India		
Year	Qty.(MT)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
2015-16	263	1440.45
2016-17	732	3845.05
2017-18 (Est)	185	1128.61
2018-19 (Apr-Sept)	29	165.01

(Est: Estimate)
Source: DGCI&S Kolkata/DLI from Customs

(b) Month-wise import of Cardamom (small) into India from Sri Lanka in recent months for which data is available is given below:

Month/Year	Quantity(MT)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
April 2018	Nil	Nil
May 2018	19	100.87
June 2018	10	64.14
July 2018	Nil	Nil
August 2018	Nil	Nil
September 2018	Nil	Nil

Source : DGCI&S Kolkata

(c) Government is not in receipt of any complaint about the dubious financial dealing involved in the import of Cardamom.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.

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