

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2098
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13/12/2024

PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT OF SPICES

2098. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of spices, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total production of spices in the country during the current fiscal year, quantity-wise;
- (c) the total quantity of spices exported during the current fiscal year and revenue earned from it;
- (d) whether Government proposes to encourage more and more farmers in the cultivation of spices in the country to increase the income of farmers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard; and
- (f) the other measures taken/ being taken by Government to increase spices production in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): India is the world's largest producer, consumer and exporter of spices. The country produces 124.78 lakh tonnes of spices annually from 49.40 lakh hectares of area (as per 3rd Advance Estimates of 2023-24). Major spices produced in India are ginger, turmeric, dry chillies, cumin, coriander, fennel, fenugreek, and nutmeg.

(c): Export of spices during the current fiscal year 2024-25 (April to September) is 7,92,724 tonnes valued at Rs 18591.66 Crores (2224 million US\$). During 2023-24 India exported 15,39,692 tonnes of spices and spice products valued at Rs.36,958.80 crores. (Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) Kolkata/ Ministry of Commerce).

(d) to (f): The Government of India is implementing several programs to promote spice production, including Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojana (PMFBY) and others. These initiatives focus on improving production, productivity, and farmers' income. MIDH provides financial assistance for various activities such as infrastructure development, area expansion, promotion of integrated pest management (IPM), organic farming, water resource creation, and post-harvest management.

In addition to these national programs, the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD) directly supports spice development through the production of quality planting materials, technology dissemination via demonstrations, and farmer training programs conducted through State Agricultural Universities and national institutes. Further, Spices Board is implementing central sector scheme, “Sustainability in spice sector through Progressive Innovative and Collaborative interventions for Export Development” (SPICED) with the budgetary support from Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
