

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 536
ANSWERED ON 07/02/2025

PRICE DIP OF CARDAMOM (SMALL)

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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will interfere immediately to arrest the dip in prices of Cardamom (Small), due to high production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including steps taken to improve price realization for Cardamom growers; and
- (c) whether Government will ensure Minimum Support Price for Cardamom and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) The price of cardamom is determined in the open market based on supply and demand. The weighted average auction price of Cardamom (Small) in India during the period August–December 2024 was ₹.2478.05 per kg, compared to ₹.1723.22 per kg during the same period in the previous year, registering an increase of 44%. Spices Board takes various steps for effective price realization for cardamom growers which inter alia include development programmes such as quality planting material production, improved cardamom curing devices, quality improvement programmes, capacity building programmes, conduction of Buyer Seller Meets (BSMs), market linkage programmes & facilitation of participation of stakeholders (including FPOs/ growers) in major national/international exhibitions.

(c) Government of India presently fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 mandated agricultural crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & price (CACP) after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. The mandated crops for MSP are paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, sunflower seed, soyabean, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton, wheat, barley, gram, lentil(masur), rapeseed/mustard, safflower, jute and copra.
