

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1215
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2017

SPICES EXPORTS

1215. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE PATIL:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- whether the spices exports from the country have touched an all-time high and if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year in terms of their total volume and value along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;
- whether any targets have been fixed by the Government in this regard for the next three years and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government has taken any steps to achieve the said targets and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- the steps taken by the Government to help spices farmers by integrating operations for cultivation, post harvest processing for value addition packaging, storage and export of spices and spices products by meeting the quality specifications of the consuming countries?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) to(c): Yes Madam, the spices exports from the country have touched an all-time high during 2016-17. The export of spices & spice products from the country for the last 3 years is given below:

Year	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs. crore)
2014-15	893920	14900
2015-16	843255	16238
2016-17	947790	17665

No targets are fixed by the government for export of spices as the production and export of spices are dependent upon various factors such as climatic conditions, market forces, domestic and international demand, etc.

(d) Spices Board is implementing the “Export Oriented Production, Export Development & Promotion of Spices” Scheme wherein assistance is provided to cultivators of cardamom for production of quality planting materials, replanting of old and uneconomic gardens, new planting, irrigation development programme, improved curing facilities, farm mechanization, etc. for boosting production.

In addition, Spices Board implements several programmes for spices farmers which, inter alia, include development of infrastructure for common processing facilities in Spice Parks, adaptation of upgraded technology in spice processing, setting up of quality evaluation labs for sampling and testing of the export consignments for meeting quality specifications of consuming countries, assistance to farmers on post-harvest quality improvement, imparting training to farmers in Good Agricultural Practices etc.
