

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th JANUARY, 2019

SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR SPICE GROWERS

*363. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning for any special package for spice growers, especially cardamom, pepper etc. as flood in Kerala has badly hit the growers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the quantum of damages after the floods and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has noticed that due to such crop loss, growers are in deep trouble; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to revive the sector?

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.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING "SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR SPICE GROWERS".**

(a) to (e): The details of crop / plant loss of spice growers assessed in the state of Kerala are as under:

Crop	Affected Area (Ha.)	Estimated Loss of Production 2018-19 (MT)
Cardamom (small)	17707.12	8459.37
Black Pepper	26614	10700
Nutmeg	4403	2749
Clove	181	13
Ginger	1030	4100
Turmeric	396	976
Total	50331.12	26997.37

Source: Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Spices Board (for Small Cardomam)

To support the affected growers of Kerala, the following are some of the key measures taken by the Government of India:

- (i) Government has approved the Spices Board proposal for undertaking re-plantation of and production of quality planting materials for small cardamom in the flood affected areas of Kerala during the on-going Medium Term Framework (MTF) period of 2018-19 and 2019-20, with an allocation of Rs.17.07 Crore.
- (ii) In response to the memoranda received from the Government of Kerala in light of floods / landslides in 2018, Inter-Ministerial Teams were deputed to the State for an on the spot assessment of the situation. As per the report of the team, agriculture/horticulture crops in an area of about 94,699 Ha was affected to an extent exceeding 33%. In conformity with the procedure for release of funds from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) / National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), an amount of Rs.121.94 Crore has been approved for relief to affected farmers with up to 2 Ha holdings for damaged agriculture / horticulture crops.
- (iii) Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), an additional allocation of Rs.93.39 Crore with Rs.56.03 Crore as Government of India share has been approved for 2018-19, to mitigate the calamitous impact of the floods.
