

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3413
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 2019

CULTIVATION AND IMPORT OF ASAFOETIDA

3413. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- the details of the percentage of asafoetida imported within the country, yearly;
- the details of the annual expenditure incurred on the import of asafoetida;
- whether the Government has started cultivation of asafoetida within the country, if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- whether any States including West Bengal have shown keen interest in the cultivation of asafoetida and if so, the details thereof; and
- whether the Government is also distributing the seeds of asafoetida to these States and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- India is 100% dependent on import of asafetida.
- The details of annual expenditure incurred on the import of asafetida is as under:-

Value in Rs.crore			
2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	201819 (Apr-Oct)
527.42	583.47	699.58	355.76

Source: Department of Commerce

- No, Madam. Government has not started such cultivation.
- No specific proposal has been received in this regard.
- There is no such information.

