

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4759
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2023

EXPORT OF RED CHILLI

4759. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Teja variety of red chilli is being exported to China, Bangladesh and a few other South Asian countries from Khammam mainly through the Chennai and other ports;
- (b) if so, whether the volume of exports of the commodity is picking up in tune with growing requirements of the spice processing industries;
- (c) whether despite the huge demand for Teja red chilli in the international market, farmers are finding it difficult to recover the investment due to sharp escalation of cultivation cost and also due to absence of MSP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the farmers who can afford to keep huge stocks in cold storages for longer duration are reaping rich dividends of the huge export potential of the commodity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof since 2014 onwards till date, State-wise, particularly from Khammam and Guntur?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Khammam District in Telangana is one of the major producers of Teja variety of Red Chilli and this Teja variety is being exported from India to different destinations like Bangladesh etc. The major port of shipment for Chilli from India is Chennai port.

(b): The variety wise export details of chilli from India are not available as there are no separate ITC HS codes for different varieties of chilli. The export of chilli from India increased from 4,43,900 MT in 2017-18 to 5,57,168 MT in 2021-22.

(c) & (d): Teja red chilli has huge demand in international markets because of its quality, which includes high pungency and very good colour. In 2021-22, the chilli production was affected by an

invasive pest, black thrips (*Thripsparvispinus* Karny), in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the higher cost of cultivation was due to extra investment on black thrips management. Further, during 2022-23, the prices have increased and the annual average price of chilli in Guntur Market in the last five years and current year is given below:-

Guntur Market- Chilli	
Year	Price (₹/quintal)
2017-18	5639
2018-19	7716
2019-20	11636
2020-21	10272
2021-22	11267
2022-23 (April to Feb)	16417

Source: Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development

(e) & (f): The chilli prices, usually, are higher during off season than during harvesting season. It is a regular practice for farmers to keep stocks in cold storages for meeting demand in off season.

The data on state-wise production of chillies is attached as Annexure-I. The data on production of chillies in Khammam & Guntur districts is attached as Annexure-II.

Annexure –I

Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (e) and (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4759 for answer on 29.03.2023.

Production of Red Chillies in India – Statewise

(Production in ‘000 tonnes)

State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Andhra Pradesh	601.993	739.621	618.420	1031.338	618.348	501.407	805.026	796.653	417.813
Arunachal Pradesh	4.4	7.5	8.288	7.000	0.807	0.851	0.851	2.377	0.005
Assam	16.476	18.381	17.736	18.207	18.994	18.984	21.867	20.189	20.611
Bihar	4.591	2.734	2.051	3.022	2.733	4.756	4.713	3.652	3.617
Chhattisgarh	4.629	3.576	3.039	4.321	1.498	3.049	3.249	3.249	3.107
Gujarat	33.304	26.936	26.910	26.031	22.072	21.444	18.905	23.345	28.778
Haryana	4.219	4.219	4.219	4.000	4.000	4.080	4.027		
Himachal Pradesh	0.653	0.15	0.217	0.239	0.239	0.199	0.276	0.397	0.433
Jammu & Kashmir	0.6757	0.3463	0.532	0.532	0.346	0.540	0.556	0.551	0.512
Karnataka	114.154	118.488	103.242	260.143	191.475	194.758	129.238	147.049	177.311
Madhya Pradesh	132.39	100.171	132.438	303.626	232.699	217.548	208.634	315.598	319.824
Maharashtra	35.875	35.875	35.875	3.432	14.134	14.025	22.434	24.484	19.876

Manipur	3.9	3.9	3.900	3.900	3.900	0.001	0.001		1.560
Mizoram	9.1	9.33	9.330	10.918	10.918	10.918	10.918	10.918	10.918
Nagaland	47.904	48.791	50.391	40.887	0.805	1.798	1.754	4.328	1.572
Orissa	74.367	73.575	68.567	69.166	69.280	69.280	69.280	69.280	69.257
Punjab	17.7	17.7	14.084	14.084	14.084	16.656	16.955	17.630	19.963
Rajasthan	11.456	12.92	18.218	18.781	13.282	14.356	20.033	10.925	13.378
Tamil Nadu	11.294	29.391	23.762	20.585	18.108	14.000	29.618	25.057	26.382
Telangana	279.777	253.26	227.610	482.872	340.804	369.016	436.378	536.541	651.344
Tripura	3.7	3.7	3.700	7.208	6.312	6.545	6.664	6.698	6.960
Uttar Pradesh	10.951	11.149	10.260	10.260	12.578	12.716	11.808	12.065	25.410
Uttarakhand	7.2	7.2	7.200	7.200	7.200	9.474	9.632	9.685	9.334
West Bengal	100	98.48	100.338	100.338	105.750	8.300	8.576	7.821	7.783
Pondicherry	0.039	0.076	0.030	0.026	0.064	0.076	0.093	0.011	0.133
Andaman & Nicobar	0.605	0.605	0.605	1.474	0.300	0.781	0.313	0.118	0.340
Total (incl. others)	1534.1947	1631.5353	1494.691	2449.59	1,710.731	1,515.557	1841.799	2048.622	1836.222

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Production of Red Chillies in Khammam & Guntur (Production in '000 tonnes)

Year	Khammam	Guntur
2013-14	125.821	332.309
2014-15	114.077	408.521
2015-16	95.208	266.708
2016-17	114.374	507.830
2017-18	135.255	351.097
2018-19	107.101	262.570
2019-20	150.235	456.253
2020-21	174.056	411.662
2021-22	186.367	165.177

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