

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.501
ANSWERED ON 06/12/2023

MIXING OF INDIAN CARDAMOM

501. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Guatemalan cardamom is mixed with Indian cardamom and pooled at the auctions;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the mixing of Guatemalan cardamom with local produce has led to fall in prices of Indian cardamom;
- (c) whether it is true that such mixing has been brought to the notice of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Spices Board received one reference regarding such mixing. However, Spices Board has informed that there is no evidence, so far, to prove that Guatemalan cardamom is mixed with Indian cardamom and pooled in the e-auctions. Spices Board has also issued directions to all the auctioneers to take necessary action to ensure that lots mixed with cardamom from Guatemala are not pooled for sale in the e-auctions.
