

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 600
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2026

CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS

600. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:
SHRI ALOK SHARMA:

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

- (a) the percentage increase in exports of key spices such as turmeric, cardamom, and coriander in 2025 compared to 2024 following adoption of these standards;
- (b) the total number of farmers and cooperative groups benefitted from compliance with Codex standards and details of the estimated increase in their incomes;
- (c) the number of new international markets or buyers were accessed by Indian spice exporters in 2025 due to adherence to Codex standards; and
- (d) the measurable reduction in rejected or returned spice consignments was observed in 2025 owing to compliance with global quality norms?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) The export of Turmeric, Cardamom and Coriander put together from India stood at 628.05 USD million in the year 2024-25, representing a growth of 30.92% over the export of 479.75 USD million for these three spices in the year 2023-24.

(b) to (d). The Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs works on the development of quality standards, including compositional characteristics and factors that determine intrinsic quality. The benefit of these standards lie in providing internationally accepted reference benchmarks that assist in improving acceptance of Indian produce in the global markets. Export volumes or farm incomes may however be influenced by various factors, which inter alia include global demand, supply and price trends, improvements in quality and compliance with various domestic and international quality standards.

During 2024-25, India exported spices and spice products to 180 destinations worldwide. During both the years 2023-24 and 2024-25, over 99.8% of the consignments of spices and spice products exported from India were accepted in the International markets.
