

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2015

EXPORT OF SPICES

**3655(H). SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:**

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

- whether the Government is aware that large deals for export of various spices such as turmeric powder, coriander powder chilli powder and dry ginger powder have been undertaken by big traders recently;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether such large exports of spices have led or are likely to lead to shortage of these spices in the country; and
- if so, whether the Government proposes to import these spices into the country to meet their shortage and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) to (d): India is the largest producer and exporter of spices in the world. The annual production of spices in the country is around 6 million tones, out of which about 12 to 14% is exported while the rest is available for domestic consumption. Spice processing units and traders regularly export spices e.g. turmeric powder, coriander powder, chilli powder, dry ginger powder etc in various forms including value added forms and earn valuable foreign exchange for the country.

No shortage is expected in supply of major spices like chilli, ginger, turmeric, coriander etc. in the domestic market on account of export. The details of production and export of spices such as turmeric, coriander, chilli and ginger along with the percentage of export in production during the last three years is given at the Annexure 1.

Annexure 1

Spice/Year	Production (MT)	Export (*) (MT)	% of export in production
Turmeric			
2012-13	986690	88513	9 %
2013-14	1092630	77500	7%
2014-15	844470	86000	10%

Coriander			
2012-13	503240	35902	7 %
2013-14	496240	45750	9 %
2014-15	462270	46000	10 %

Chilli			
2012-13	1378400	301000	22%
2013-14	1376400	312500	23%
2014-15	1631320	347000	21%

Ginger			
2012-13	669350	22207	3 %
2013-14	683160	23300	3 %
2014-15	755950	40400	5 %

(*) including whole, powder etc.
