

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1782**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

**NATIONAL SPICES POLICY**

1782. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to formulate a National Spices Policy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total foreign exchange earned by the Government from the export of spices and the target fixed for augmenting the export of spices in future; and
- (d) the various steps taken by the Government to promote the spice production in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has set up a Tasks Force to formulate a national policy for the development of commercially important spices in the country.

(c): The foreign exchange earned through export of spices for the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	EXPORT		
	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs. Crs.)	Value (Min US\$)
2012-13	726,613	12112.76	2212.13
2013-14	817,250	13735.39	2267.67
2014-15*	893,920	14899.68	2432.85

\*Provisional

The projected year-wise targets of spices export are as under:

Year	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)	Value (Min US\$)
2015-16	938616	15900	2600
2016-17	985547	17000	2800
2017-18	1024969	18500	3000

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(d): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing the scheme Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture for enhancing production and productivity of horticultural crops including spices. Under this Mission, development programmes are implemented wherein financial assistance is provided to the producers of spices. The major components of the schemes are; area expansion (establishment of new garden), rejuvenation/replanting of old and senile gardens, production and distribution of quality planting materials, Integrated Pest and Disease Management, Integrated Nutrient Management, organic farming, mechanization, Integrated Post-harvest Management, development of market yards, technology dissemination through frontline demonstration and Human Resource Development etc.

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