

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1379 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd MAY, 2016

HERBAL TRADE

1379 (H). DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

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

- the details of the trade in herbs during each of the last three years, item-wise indicating India's share in global trade in herbs at present;
- whether India's share in global trade in herbs is very low despite farming and availability of herbal items in the country;
- if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase India's share in global trade of herbs?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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

(a) Details of the trade in herbs during the last three years, item-wise are as under:

(A) Exports

(VALUE In US \$)				
ITCHS	Description	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (Apr-Feb) (Prov.)
12112000	Ginseng Roots Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	67035	207	12050
12113000	Coca Leaf Frsh/Drid W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	724	0	0
12114000	Popy Straw Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	6083	517	0
12119011	Ambrette Seeds(Must Grains of Vegetable Kingdom)	97747	168592	48975

12119012	Nux Vomica Dried Ripe Seeds	134	361	54
12119013	Psyllium Seed (Isobgul)	1421031	1931354	3811220
12119014	Neem Seed	26569	250	1339
12119015	Jajoba Seed	3057	80	8726
12119019	Other Seeds Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered In Perfmry,Pharm Etc.	4451574	4869298	3268339
12119021	Beladona Leaves	94232	118306	72406
12119022	Senna Leaves And Pads	12819745	14392791	13624849
12119023	Neem Leaves/Powder	149404	218821	159462
12119024	Gymnema Powder	162597	159593	281986
12119025	Cubeb Powder	377	1041	6828
12119026	Pyrethrum	61311	35234	5204
12119029	Other Leaves, Powder,Flurs And Pods Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	11194772	14657266	12710783
12119031	Cascara Sagrada Bark	1373	45018	
12119032	Psyllium Husk (Isobgul Husk)	126117372	151275840	156094004
12119033	Cambodge Fruit Rind/The Dried Pericap Of The Fruits Of Garcinia Cambogia	85731	139345	279778
12119039	Othr Bark, Husk And Rind Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	1687891	1874172	1012530
12119041	Belladona Roots	257	0	0
12119042	Galangal Rhizomes and Rts Incl. Greater Galanga	2957555	1307911	304412
12119043	Ipecac Dried Rhizome and Roots	269311	31525	0
12119044	Serpentina Roots	37073	41249	9275
12119045	Zedovary Roots	1034089	2272089	5001877
12119046	Kuth Root	105669	98525	165773
12119047	Sarsaparilla	575405	353233	558819
12119048	Sweet Flag Rhizome	304854	174057	72802
12119049	Other Roots and Rhizomes Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	4862317	7498627	3013294
12119050	Sandal Wood Chips And Dust	2512198	3942168	2129795
12119060	Vinca Rosea (Herbs)	1607734	937024	393721
12119070	Mint,Incl. Leaves(All Species)	254002	241460	202512
12119080	Agarwood (Inclndg Chips and Dust)	458634	544796	248237
12119091	Chirata	26442	32936	18732
12119092	Tukmaria	1499515	1366181	2203542
12119093	Unab (Indian Jujube Or Chinese Dates)	20253	3900	3576

12119094	Basil,Hyasop,Rose Mary Sage,Savory	1158645	3981517	3796395
12119096	Garcenia	951001	1326258	485575
12119099	Other Plants and Parts Of Plants Usd In Prfmry, Pharmcy, Insecticdl/Fungicdl Purpse, Fresh/Dried	17128561	27956233	18015841

(B) Imports

(VALUE In US \$)				
ITCHS	Description	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(Apr-Feb) (Prov.)
12112000	Ginsng Roots Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	88412	12987	88518
12119011	Ambrette Seeds(Must Grains of Vegetable Kingdom)	33016	61671	87954
12119014	Neem Seed	2448	0	0
12119019	Other Seeds Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered In Perfmy, Pharm Etc.	970478	974630	591595
12119021	Beladona Leaves	113		
12119022	Senna Leaves And Pads	144720	339145	207056
12119025	Cubeb Powder	737990	658807	726305
12119026	Pyrethrum	248358	31510	281385
12119029	Other Leaves,Powder,Flurs And Pods Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	18297128	18129110	15703731
12119031	Cascara Sagrada Bark	0	187	362
12119032	Psyllium Husk (Isobgul Husk)	164016	168821	0
12119033	Cambodge Fruit Rind/The Dried Pericap Of The Fruits Of Garcinia Cambogia	0	570	28303
12119039	Othr Bark, Husk And Rind Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	12953435	14997932	11206751
12119042	Galangal Rhizomes and Rts Incl. Greater Galanga	551847	458246	624534
12119043	Ipecac Dried Rhizome and Roots	164430	255706	160265
12119044	Serpentina Roots	0	0	16315
12119045	Zedovary Roots	0	0	13199
12119047	Sarsaparilla	0	14560	25760
12119049	Other Roots and Rhizomes Fresh/Dried W/N Cut Crushed/Powdered	6134940	9027224	8483412
12119050	Sandal Wood Chips And Dust	2915168	3779063	4771637
12119060	Vinca Rosea (Herbs)	0	0	0
12119070	Mint, Incl. Leaves(All Species)	491770	746375	803301
12119080	Agarwood (Inclng Chips and Dust)	233366	252150	23284

12119091	Chirata	538182	258583	350678
12119092	Tukmaria	111582	59826	86251
12119093	Unab (Indian Jujube Or Chinese Dates)	41215	25658	49279
12119094	Basil,Hyasop,Rose Mary Sage,Savory	884692	3409949	3047696
12119095	Lovage	97697	123327	88263
12119096	Garcelona	8023989	5675236	5581908
12119099	Other Plants and Parts Of Plants Usd In Prfmry, Pharmcy, Insecticdl/Fungicdl Purpse, Fresh/Dried	5848800	8896864	8520855

Source:DGCI&S

India's share in global trade in herbs during 2013 and 2014 (latest available) is as under:

GLOBAL TRADE OF HERBS					
(VALUE IN US \$)					
YEAR		EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TOTAL TRADE	% SHARE
2013	INDIA	207758289	54830885	262589174	4.01
	WORLD	3471735246	3069175870	6540911116	
2014	INDIA	238707561	68575445	307283006	4.58
	WORLD	3481647455	3222806685	6704454140	

Source: UN Comtrade

(b) to (d) The major factor for low share of India in herbs in global trade is the high domestic/national consumption.

Some of the key steps taken by the Government to increase India's share in Global trade of Herbs are as under:

- (i) Some of the Herbs are eligible for Merchandise Export of India Scheme (MEIS) benefits if exported to specified countries.
- (ii) For sustainable availability of the herbal raw material in the country and to promote exports, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH is supporting large scale cultivation of medicinal plants under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM).

Under the scheme there is a component on "Medicinal Plants" which is primarily aimed at supporting cultivation of medicinal plants on farmers land with backward linkages through establishment of nurseries for supply of quality planting material, and forward linkages for post-harvest management.

The cultivation of medicinal plants is supported by providing subsidy at stipulated rates on cost of cultivation to farmers through the identified implementing agency of concerned state. The assistance is provided as per the State Annual Action Plan approved for concerned State.
