

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3522
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2016

PEPPER PRODUCTION

3522. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- the details of pepper production in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- whether pepper production has declined during the said period;
- if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- the measures taken by the Government for increasing the production of pepper?

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) to (c): The production of pepper in India during the last three years and current year is given below:

(Production in MT)

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17(P)
Total	37,000	70,000	48,500	55,500

(P) Projected

The production of pepper in the country during the last three years shows a fluctuating trend. The major reason of the decrease in pepper production during 2015-16 can be attributed to lesser production in the State of Kerala on account of drought and untimely rains.

(d): Several programmes for development and production of spices, including pepper, such as area expansion, rejuvenation/rehabilitation of old plantations, establishment of processing unit, Integrated Pest Management (IPM)/Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, creation of water resources, micro irrigation, post-harvest management, development of market yards, Human Resource Development, etc. are implemented through State Horticulture Mission under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of Government of India. Government implements through the Spices Board various export development, post-harvest and quality improvement programmes for spices including pepper.
