

2011	-	153.26 Kgs.
2012	-	200.75 Kgs.
2013	-	1267.26 Kgs.

(c) As per RBI's Statistical supplement dated June 18, 2014 gold held by RBI is 557.8 tons. RBI or Government has no data available indicating the availability of Gold with public.

(d) No, Sir.

### **Export of spices**

282. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the item-wise details of the total spices exports during the last three years;
- (b) whether any specific steps have been taken to promote spices exports across the globe in the last five years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The total quantity and value of spices exported during the last three years is given below:

Year	Quantity (in Tonnes)	Value (in ₹ Lakhs)
2011-12	575,270	978342
2012-13	726,613	1211276
2013-14 (Estimate)	817,250	1373539

Major item-wise details of export of spices during the last three years is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) The Government has implemented various export development programmes for promoting Indian spices and spice products across the globe through the Spices Board e.g. development of Infrastructure for common processing facilities including Spices Parks, trade promotion activities including participation in international fairs, promotion of Indian spice brands, product development and research for exporters, study of markets abroad, certifying Spice House and setting up quality evaluation laboratories.

**Statement**

*Item-wise details of total spices export for the last three years*

(Qty. in tonnes and value in ₹ lakhs)

Item	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (EST)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pepper	26,700	87,813.45	15,363	63,810.29	21,250	94,002.34
Cardamom(s)	4,650	36,322.28	2,372	21,215.04	3,600	28,380.88
Cardamom(l)	935	6,830.00	1,217	6,254.59	1,110	7,961.15
Chilli	241,000	214,408.00	301,000	238,060.90	312,500	272,227.20
Ginger	21,550	20,420.02	22,207	18,725.14	23,300	25,614.27
Turmeric	79,500	73,434.40	88,513	55,487.70	77,500	66,675.85
Coriander	28,100	16,401.85	35,902	20,182.59	45,750	37,185.65
Cumin	45,500	64,442.05	85,602	115,306.61	121,500	160,006.45
Celery	3,650	2,340.05	5,171	2,977.26	5,600	3,661.48
Fennel	8,100	7,209.20	13,811	10,466.12	17,300	16,001.42
Fenugreek	21,800	7,275.20	29,622	10,488.12	35,575	13,378.37

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Other Seeds <sup>(1)</sup>	13,050	5,881.25	18,442	11,178.60	27,800	15,425.65
Garlic	2,200	1,415.70	22,872	6,868.14	25,650	8,387.05
Nutmeg & mace	3,620	24,097.51	3,231	22,591.87	4,450	26,285.62
Other spices <sup>(2)</sup>	35,900	32,033.00	34,298	30,209.03	34,700	41,846.80
Curry powder/paste	17,000	25,208.25	17,436	27,515.66	23,750	40,132.03
Mint products <sup>(3)</sup>	14,750	222,372.00	20,039	394,049.95	24,500	343,042.20
Spice oils and oleoresins	7,265	130,438.28	9,515	155,888.19	11,415	173,324.85
TOTAL	575,270	978,342.48	726,613	1,211,275.80	817,250	1,373,539.26
VALUE IN MILLION US \$		2,037.76		2,212.13		2,267.67

<sup>(1)</sup> Include bishops weed (ajwanseed), dill seed, poppy seed, aniseed, mustard etc.

<sup>(2)</sup> Include tamarind, asafoetida, cinnamon, cassia, cambodge, saffron, spices (nes) etc.

<sup>(3)</sup> Include menthol, menthol crystals and mint oils.

*Source* : DGCI&S., Calcutta/shipping bills/exporters' returns.