

1	2	3
	(d) Mobile Rain gun	₹ 15000/Unit
7.	Cropping System based trainings	₹3500/ Sess. ₹ 14000/ Trai.
8.	Local Initiative	
	(a) Seed Treatment Drum	₹ 1000/Unit
	(b) Spiral Grader	₹ 2000/Unit
9.	Demonstrations by (KVK)	₹7500/ha

Export of spices

†1827. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- the amount of foreign currency being earned by Government through export of cloves, small and long cardamom and black pepper;
- the details of foreign currency earned in the financial years 2010-11 to 2015-2016;
- whether the Ministry will consider sending a team of agricultural experts to the hilly areas of the country to explore the potential of farming of cloves, cardamom and black pepper in order to increase their production; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) The details of foreign currency earnings of the Government through export of pepper, cardamom (small), cardamom (large) and clove in the financial years 2010-11 to 2015-16 is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Government is implementing several programmes for development and production of spices through State Horticulture Mission under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of Ministry of Agriculture. For small and large cardamom, Spice Board is implementing various programmes for enhancing the production. Government has also established Spice Development Agencies in different parts of the country for overall development of spices at regional level. At present there

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

is no proposal for sending a team of agricultural experts to the hilly areas of the country to explore the potential of farming of cloves, cardamom and black pepper in order to increase their production.

Statement

Details of foreign currency earnings of the Government through export of pepper, cardamom (small and large) and cloves from India

Item/Year	Value in Million US\$					
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (P)	2014-15 (Est.)	2015-16 (Est.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pepper	84.18	182.90	116.54	155.20	197.31	264.58
Cardamom (small)	29.04	75.65	38.74	46.86	52.82	68.78
Cardamom (large)	9.80	14.23	11.42	13.14	13.72	11.21
Clove	1.89	4.05	3.74	4.67	6.92	5.69
TOTAL	124.91	276.83	170.44	219.87	270.77	350.26

P: Provisional, Est.: Estimated

Impact of import of fruits

1828. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of import of fruits including apple by some foreign countries in India, thus affecting domestic fruit growers adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of those countries from which fruits are being imported;

(c) whether Government has received requests from various quarters including public representatives for increasing import duty on fruits especially on apple;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the other corrective measures taken/ being taken by Government to protect domestic fruits growers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Import of agricultural commodities like