

package offers labour law reforms, additional incentives under ATUFS, enhanced duty drawback coverage and relaxation of Section 80 JJAA of Income Tax for apparel industry.

#### **ASIDE scheme**

†1635. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has scrapped the Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme; and

(b) if so, whether, having scrapped the scheme, the amount of the Central share would be provided for the ongoing projects from among the projects approved under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme was delinked from the Central support w.e.f. BE 2015-16 as Union tax devolution to States was enhanced from 32% to 42% as per the recommendations of Fourteenth Finance Commission. Consequently, all the State Governments were requested to complete their ongoing projects by allocating funds from their enhanced devolution of union taxes to the States.

#### **Import of spices from China**

1636. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of spices imported from China during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, spice-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by scientists at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) has revealed that the south Indian market is flooded with Chinese cinnamon (*Cinnamomum cassia*) containing high levels of coumarin, a hepatotoxic compound, raising food safety concerns; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) The details of spices imported from

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

China during the last three years and the current year (up to May,18) year-wise and spice-wise are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A study was conducted by scientists at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) in collaboration with Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow and published a paper titled “Quantification of coumarin and related phenolics in cinnamon samples from South India using UHPLC-ESI-QqQuT-MS/MS method” in the International Journal of Food Properties (2018, Vol. 21, No.1, 50-57). wherein they have reported high coumarin content in Cinnamon available in the South Indian market, which they presume is because of mixing of Chinese Cinnamon (*Cinnamomum Cassia*) imported from China. Department of Commerce have not received any such report/proposal for initiating action in this regard.

**Statement**

*India's import of Spices from China for the last three financial years (2015-16 to 2017-18)  
and the current financial year 2018-19 (upto May, 2018)*

HS Code	Commodity	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		(upto May, 2018)
		Quantity in M.T.	Value in USD	Quantity in M.T.	Value in USD	Quantity in M.T.	Value in USD	Quantity in M.T.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
07069010	Horse Radish	2.40	14469	2.51	9567	0.20	1469	
07129020	Dehydrated Garlic Powder	26.00	59714	35.00	188890	20.50	63321	6.00
07129030	Dehydrated Garlic Flakes	3.10	10160			12.00	33695	
07129040	Dried Garlic	12.00	39402	15.50	93285	327.00	1199045	29.00
09041110	Pepper Long			3.60	10354			
09041150	Dehydrated Green Pepper	0.40	215					
09041190	Othr. Pepper Nthr. Crshd. Nor Grnd.	4.75	31244	13.92	59384	14.58	126241	2.90
09041200	Crushed Or Ground Pepper	0.06	392	11.00	199733	5.00	91637	
09042110	Of Genus Capsicum	123.74	220045	25.00	56308	33.40	95451	49.00
09042211	Chilly Powder	21.50	42346	253.33	430012	70.00	143750	35.20
09042229	Other Of Genus Pimenta	2.00	8474	4.00	20649			
09061190	Other Cinnamon	25.00	45563	28.00	51123	106.00	179902	

09061910	Cassia	4125.15	4615851	4520.64	4542007	7289.40	7384489	618.5
09061990	Other Cassia	568.96	605551	62.00	116725	26.00	44911	8.00
09062000	Cinnamon and Its Tree Flwrs. Crshd. or Grnd.	52.00	50494					
09081110	In Shell							0.00
09083290	Other Cardamom; Crushed Or Ground	11.00	59378					
09093129	Other Seeds of Cumin Excl. Black; Neither Crushed Nor Ground	50.00	142005					
09096111	of Seed Quality					8.00	20659	
09096119	Other Seeds of Anise	14.90	29782	18.80	36598	7.00	18671	14.00
09101120	Dried, Unbleached	54.00	93818	80.00	105371	26.30	32306	
09101190	Other Ginger; Neither Crushed Nor Ground	325.11	1041926	158.09	362829	71.00	169116	5.00
09102090	Other Saffron					0.01	3393	
09109923	Celery Powder			0.05	382			
09109990	Other Spices, Nes	200.94	107439	281.09	283520	197.20	104377	110.00
12079100	Poppy Seeds W/N Broken	2363.00	5956092	2227.00	4985277	3619.00	7934887	748.00
12099170	Chilly Seeds							50.50
12119042	Galangal Rhizomes and Rts Incl. Greater Galanga	219.55	357423	172.29	288032	246.97	377518	42.50

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12119070	Mint, Incl. Leaves (All Species)			0.60	7700	1.08	26339	
12119094	Basil, Hyasop, Rose Mary Sage, Savory			58.00	84591	100.00	161723	
13019013	Asafoetida			1.25	10112			
15159020	Fxd Veg Oils Viz. Neem Sd, Karnj, Slk Ctn,Khakon,Wat Meln, Ksum, Rubrsd, Dhup, Undi Mrti, Pisa, Nahar			0.93	4195			
15159030	Fxd Veg Oils Viz.ardmdm, Chillies/ Capsicum, Turmrc., Ajwn., Sd, Ngrsd, Garlic	0.08	1366			0.68	3486	0.0
15159099	Other Fxd Veg Fats and Oil and Their Fractions	108.98	394501	107.99	397832	27.40	177483	22.0
21039010	Curry Paste					1.53	6089	0.9
21039020	Chilli Sauce	1.03	13815			2.50	26796	1.9
21039030	Majonnaise and Salad Dressings			5.40	18653	15.78	56242	
21039040	Mixed, Condiments and Mixed Seasoning	0.53	7213	68.68	216143	123.46	414775	30.4
21039090	Othr. Mixed Condiments and Mixed Seasonings	638.44	848409	631.98	853107	120.61	399417	28.2

29061100	Menthol	0.72	4317	0.03	1069	148.07	828519	
33012400	Essntl. Oil of Peppermint (Mentha Piperita)	0.36	10210	1.22	22872	1.57	30608	0.02
33012510	Spearmint Oil (Ex-Mentha Spicata)	4.68	117492	0.79	28630	1.92	71920	
33012590	Others	23.67	4636545	42.18	21460296	170.62	41204877	38.8
33012911	Anise Oil (Aniseed Oil)	0.60	7809	1.01	14748	0.24	3858	0.4
33012914	Caraway Oil			0.01	562			
33012915	Cassia Oil	2.12	71791	1.01	39091	2.03	75701	0.02
33012917	Cinnamon Bark Oil					0.01	1499	
33012918	Cinnamon Leaf Oil					0.02	904	
33012921	Clove Leaf/Stem Oil	0.18	3171			0.09	7156	
33012922	Coriander Seed Oil			0.10	7207			
33012925	Fennel Seed Oil			0.03	1002	0.09	3641	
33012926	Ginger Oil	0.47	23889	0.81	51638	0.70	64079	
33012928	Clove Bud Oil					0.03	1506	
33012932	Nutmeg Oil	0.36	34674	1.44	99218	0.18	11483	
33012935	Pepper Oil	0.00	1208	0.10	19802	0.34	7055	
33012947	Garlic Oil	5.70	695123	11.85	1727528	7.48	1312104	0.5

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33012948	Paprika Oil							14.0
33012950	Spices Oil, N.E.S.	2.34	44067	6.67	124502	5.60	80748	
33019012	Ginger Oleoresins			0.02	3599			
33019022	Capsicum Oleoresines	70.00	1410135	21.00	639898	84.80	2267358	139.4
33019023	Corriander Oleoresin					0.02	1002	
33019029	Oleoresines of Spices N.E.S.	837.78	26086721	1131.61	38802943	979.50	34412785	118.6
TOTAL IMPORT OF SPICES FROM CHINA		9903.57	47944239	10006.49	76476984	13875.86	99683991	2114.4

*Note:* Figures for the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19 are provisional.