

NEWSLETTER THE SPICE AROMA

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THE THEME OF THE YEAR "CREATING SYNERGY BETWEEN FARMERS,
TRADERS AND GOVT"

**FISS 9th Annual Spice Trade Meet,
Hollday Inn Resort Goa on 7th & 8th March 2025.**





From the Chairman’s desk

Dear Colleagues

Wishing you all Happy 76th Republic Day.

I am happy to inform that the preparation is in full swing for the much-awaited event of the Spice trade - 9th Annual Spice Trade Meet scheduled on 7th & 8th March 2024 at The Holiday Inn, Mobor Beach, Cavelossim, South Goa, 403731.

Crop Survey Report 2025 will be unveiled, Interactive Panel discussion, knowledge session Gala Dinner and other events will be held during the two-day event. Delegate registration is in full swing, as there are limited seats on first cum first basis, request interested members to reserve their seats immediately to avail discount and to avoid last minute disappointment.

I take this opportunity to welcome Shri Chirag Adhiya, Shri Patel Bimal Kumar Rameshbhai, Shri Chintan Kanabar, Shri DhavalKumar Jitendra Kumar Patel, Shri Himanshu Raiyani, Shri Ligneshkumar Narayanbhai Patel, Shri Rohit Sharma, Shri Chirag Kumar Patel, Shri Sureshkumar Soni to the Board of Directors of FISS.

Shri Brijesh Agrawal, Shri Aditya Mota, Shri Mayank Agarwal and Shri Dinesh Bhatte have retired from the FISS board, Federation place on record our sincere thanks for the cooperation, support and guidance given by them and request to continue the same as esteemed members of the FISS

Federation has signed the following Memorandum of Understanding

- 1. MoU with Bharat Sub Continent Agri Foundation at the prestigious South Asia Agri Forum held on 15th & 16th January 2025 in Hotel Shangri-La, Colombo, Sri-Lanka. The MoU covered general co-operation for fostering Bilateral Agri-Trade of Spices, Exchange of In-formation, knowledge, technology for the benefit of bilateral trade.*
- 2. MoU with Amrit Mehsana Start-up and Innovation Mission for the purpose of establishing a collaborative partnership to promote innovation. Entrepreneurship and community engagement through various initiatives.*

I am thankful to Dr Homey Cherian, Director Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development for sanctioning grant for Crop Survey 2025 under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) Meeting was held with students of Dantiwada Agricultural University for engaging them for the Crop Survey 2025.

We look forward to your continuous co-operation and support for advancing the objective of the Federation which will boost the Spice trade eco-system and exports.

With warm regards

*Ashwin Nayak, Chairman,
Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders*

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CUMIN SEED/POWDER EXPORT QUANTITY DEC 24

EXPORT OF SPICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

TOTAL EXPORT (CUMIN SEED/POWDER)					
MONTH (2022-2023)	EXPORT(MT)	MONTH (2023-2024)	EXPORT(MT)	MONTH (2024-2025)	EXPORT(MT)
MARCH 2022	13597 MT	MARCH 2023	20148 MT	MARCH 2024	33230 MT
APRIL 2022	10475 MT	APRIL 2023	17169 MT	APRIL 2024	41185 MT
MAY 2022	15639 MT	MAY 2023	25975 MT	MAY 2024	22885 MT
JUNE 2022	20345 MT	JUNE 2023	9829 MT	JUNE 2024	16810 MT
JULY 2022	20345 MT	JULY 2023	7994 MT	JULY 2024	20217 MT
AUGUST 2022	24439 MT	AUGUST 2023	7640 MT	AUGUST 2024	14372 MT
SEPTEMBER 2022	16978 MT	SEPTEMBER 2023	7196 MT	SEPTEMBER 2024	17433 MT
OCTOBER 2022	11508 MT	OCTOBER 2023	7627 MT	OCTOBER 2024	17455 MT
NOVEMBER 2022	11685 MT	NOVEMBER 2023	9712 MT	NOVEMBER 2024	13930 MT
DECEMBER 2022	12100 MT	DECEMBER 2023	13725 MT	DECEMBER 2024	20278 MT
JANUARY 2023	9325 MT	JANUARY 2024	14094 MT		
FEBRUARY 2023	13117 MT	FEBRUARY 2024	13585 MT		
TOTAL EXPORT (MARCH 2022 TO FEBRUARY 2023)	EXPORT 1,79,553 MT (CUMIN BAG 55 KG = 32,64,600 LAKH BAGS EXPORT)	TOTAL EXPORT (MARCH 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024)	EXPORT 1,54,694 MT (CUMIN BAG 55 KG = 28,12,618 LAKH BAGS EXPORT)	TOTAL EXPORT (MARCH 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024)	EXPORT 2,17,795 MT (CUMIN BAG 55 KG = 39,59,909 LAKH BAGS EXPORT)

Export Data in Metric Ton	Jan-21	Jan-22	Jan-23	Jan-24
Cumin seed	12,967.01	13,428.59	8,049.17	13,231.19
Fennel Seed	1,541.34	1,468.66	2,167.91	3,752.14
Coriander	3,923.97	2,461.90	3,548.63	6,225.32
Fenugreek seeds	2,540.82	2,097.54	2,094.80	2,201.91
	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
Cumin seed	16,023.68	12,620.09	11,362.19	11882.46
Fennel Seed	3,048.28	2,561.75	951.47	1990.59
Coriander	2,177.30	2,249.89	3,637.07	6577.43
Fenugreek seeds	3,259.24	1,921.46	2,075.10	3691.74
	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
Cumin seed	33,203.08	13,406.43	18,552.11	33250.41
Fennel Seed	5,894.67	1,580.99	938.64	1882.75
Coriander	4,717.10	3,076.23	11,477.52	8289.76
Fenugreek seeds	2,157.24	2,408.14	1,879.40	3682.4
	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
Cumin seed	30,274.23	9,561.19	16281.87	39182.42
Fennel Seed	6,429.75	1,971.89	6388.14	13396.75
Coriander	4,813.83	3,124.17	10300.26	6054.49
Fenugreek seeds	2,836.86	3,886.70	2272.85	3562.39
	May-21	May-22	May-23	May-24
Cumin seed	19,452.49	13,372.75	24,794.40	22280.95
Fennel Seed	4,491.72	3,042.27	9,832.53	9574.92
Coriander	3,168.27	3,047.77	24,389.01	5492.14
Fenugreek seeds	3,176.70	3,777.38	3,848.12	4202.87
	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24
Cumin seed	28,650.05	19,534.38	10,411.13	16624.46
Fennel Seed	6,483.32	1,980.97	1,974.74	11044.09
Coriander	3,350.79	2,427.04	12,240.90	5482.71
Fenugreek seeds	2,243.63	3,330.71	1,702.06	4174.30
	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24
Cumin seed	22,544.96	19,096.00	8,297.80	19082.13
Fennel Seed	3,334.63	1,474.77	1,153.54	7628.22
Coriander	3,163.20	2,267.78	10,473.45	4383.43
Fenugreek seeds	2,824.62	3,291.27	2,375.79	2430.88
	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Cumin seed	15,631.39	23,477.82	8,081.60	14,496.15
Fennel Seed	2,215.12	1,551.81	1,229.95	4,543.50
Coriander	2,186.70	2,561.56	7,473.44	4,120.03
Fenugreek seeds	1,850.26	3,031.30	2,071.68	4,109.93
	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
Cumin seed	12,987.45	17,154.81	7190.83	16973.75
Fennel Seed	1,885.01	1,181.65	1395.47	6922.64
Coriander	2,462.69	2,463.62	4810.78	4465.92
Fenugreek seeds	2,610.96	2,698.96	1408.17	2869.85
	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24
Cumin seed	9,352.20	11,700.55	7505.53	18081.38
Fennel Seed	1,881.96	1,188.55	1739.44	6643.85
Coriander	3,490.49	2,040.81	4916.84	4694.56
Fenugreek seeds	2,259.01	2,496.36	2498.75	3779.03
	Nov-21	Nov-22	Nov-23	Nov-24
Cumin seed	9,580.17	10,503.69	9026.95	12643.53
Fennel Seed	3,055.49	1,640.76	2573.95	3156.14
Coriander	3,079.69	2,350.66	4197.41	3949.11
Fenugreek seeds	1,966.25	2,145.53	2059.68	2901.79
	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	
Cumin seed	10,981.05	11,794.50	13,403.06	
Fennel Seed	2,985.73	1,773.95	5,274.30	
Coriander	3,356.99	3,478.78	6,485.56	
Fenugreek seeds	3,706.45	1,860.29	2,729.71	

Courtesy: Data provided by Shri Devendra Patel, Director, Past Chairman, FISS

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9th Annual Spice Trade Meet on 7th & 8th March 2025 in Goa

Join us for an informative, interesting and the much awaited 9th Annual Spice Trade Meet on 7th & 8th March 2025 at The Holiday Inn (Goa), Mobor Beach, Cavellossim, South Goa, 403731 the land of sun and sand. This meet will be attended by the who's who of the Spice trade stakeholders from across India and Importers from abroad to strategize their business plan based on the Crop survey 2025 report

The Annual Crop survey report 2025 will be released along with Panel discussion on Technical and Fundamental aspects which will be conducted by experts, trade members and trade analyst.

Panel discussion on Technical and Fundamental of Seed Spices

Interactive Panel discussion w.r.t Area of cultivation, Yield, Production, effect of climatic changes, Domestic and International consumption and demand pattern, Market Volatility, Stock availability, Effect on usage of pesticides, Organic farming, Crop rotation and Farmers welfare. Veterans and experts from the spice trade are invited as panellists to share their views on the topics moderated by experts from Zee Business, CNBC Awaaz, Times Group, Commodity World and others.

Award function

Reward and recognise the top performers in Domestic and Exports trade will be recognised and rewarded along with Young Achievers, start-ups and leading retailers. Veterans and stalwarts from the Spice trade will be felicated with Life time Achievement award and Farmers for best agriculture practice, promoting in cultivation of organic & Integrated Pest management (IPM) crops, etc.

Registration charges

- Registration charges for the 3 Day and 2 Night stay inclusive of Conference materials, Breakfast, Lunch, High Tea & Gala Dinner
- Upto 15th January 2025 Rs 26000 + GST for Members and Rs 35000+ GST for Non-members on twin sharing basis.
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- Inform the Flight details and timing of your arrival at Dabolim airport, as Buses are arranged for pick and drop from Dabolim Airport to the Hotel.

As there are limited seats, request to register at the earliest to avoid disappointment

Looking forward to welcome you.



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9th ANNUAL SPICE TRADE MEET, 7th & 8th March, 2025,

At The Holiday Inn (Goa), Mobor Beach, Cavelossim, South Goa, 403731

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9TH ANNUAL SPICE TRADE MEET & CROP SURVEY 2024

07TH & 08TH March 2025,

The Holiday Inn Express Mobor Beach, Cavelossim, South Goa.

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**Application for Sponsorship at the
9th ANNUAL SPICE TRADE MEET & CROP SURVEY 2025 ,
7th & 8th March, 2025, At The Holiday Inn (Goa), Mobor Beach, Cavelossim, South Goa, 403731**

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9th ANNUAL *Spice Meet*
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New Road, Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar

FISS awards for *Domestic and Exports* in Spices 2025

Nomination Categories

- 👉 Cumin Seeds
- 👉 Fennel Seeds
- 👉 Turmeric
- 👉 Fenugreek Seeds
- 👉 Coriander Seeds

Hurry File Your Nominations Now
Last Date : 31st January, 2025 (05:00 PM)

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FISS 2025 AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR ELIGIBILITY BY ASPIRING MEMBER- SEEKING AWARDS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE

AWARDS CATEGORY:

- (A) **AWARD FOR HIGHEST EXPORTS IN CUMIN SEEDS, CORIANDER SEEDS, FENNEL, FENUGREEK SEEDS TURMERIC – QUANTITY BASED FOR EACH PRODUCT. – THREE AWARDS FOR EACH PRODUCT.**
- (B) **AWARD FOR BEST PERFORMANCE IN DOMESTIC MARKET – VALUE BASED. THREE AWARDS FOR EACH PRODUCT.**
- (C) **AWARD FOR HIGHEST EXPORTS FOR A TOTAL OF 5 SPICES. Cumin seeds, Fennel Seeds, Coriander Seeds, Fenugreek Seeds & Turmeric (QUANTITY BASED) – 2 AWARDS IN EXPORT CATEGORY & 2 awards in domestic category.**

- The applicant must be a registered member of the Federation during the Financial Year 2023-2024 for being eligible for submission of application for Export Awards, and continue to be a Member of the Federation.
- The Federation shall not entertain/consider “Third Party” Exports for Awards. ***“Third Party” Exports shall mean exports executed by an Exporter or Manufacturer for and on behalf of another Exporter(s), wherein the “First Party” will not come in the picture, and all the export documents will bear the name, address and other details whereof, of the “Third Party”;***
- The Applicant shall forward the application for Export Awards in the format hereto attached;
- The Applicant should submit to the Federation separate Application for each product;
- The Applicant is required to submit to the Federation a Chartered Accountant’s Certificate, duly certifying the quantity and value of the individual item exported along with the application (Format given below)
- All the applications received from aspiring members will be scrutinized for authenticity/eligibility criteria by the Federation and/or Auditors of the Federation. The Federation reserves the right to call upon the applicants to produce the original export documents in support of the application(s) made, if necessary;
- In the event of more than one application being found to qualify for Award in a particular category on the basis of quantity, the application with higher value will be chosen for the Award; In case of Exports, FOB value will be considered.
- The last date for submission of application to the Federation office is 31st January, 2025. The application should have been received by the office till 5:00 pm on 31st January, 2025. No application will be entertained after the deadline, which please note.**

SCHEDULE OF AWARDS (EXPORT PERFORMANCE) QUANTITY BASED

COMMODITY	NUMBER OF AWARDS	
<u>CUMIN SEEDS</u>	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
<u>FENNEL SEEDS</u>	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
CORIANDER SEEDS	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
FENUGREEK SEEDS	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP

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TURMERIC AWARDS FOR HIGHEST EXPORTS (total of above 5)	3	1 WINNER + 2 RUNNERS UP
	2	1 WINNER +1RUNNERS UP

SCHEDULE OF AWARDS (DOMESTIC PERFORMANCE) VALUE BASED

COMMODITY	NUMBER OF AWARDS	
<u>CUMIN SEEDS</u>	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
<u>FENNEL SEEDS</u>	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
CORIANDER SEEDS	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
FENUGREEK SEEDS	3	1 WINNER +2RUNNERS UP
TURMERIC	3	1 WINNER + 2 RUNNERS UP
AWARDS FOR BEST PERFORMANCE IN DOMESTIC TRADE (total of allthe above 5)	2	1 WINNER +1RUNNERS UP

Format of Chartered Accountant’s Certificate

We have inspected the records of (Name of Member & Place), and do hereby certify that the total turnover of the Company/Firm (as the case may be) in respect of Exports/Domestic executed for (name of commodity) during the financial year 2023-24, is Metric Tons at an FOB/ Total value of Rs.....

This certificate is being issued at the request of the company.

Format for Application for Export Performance Awards for 2023-24

Name of Member Exporter:

Date.....

Address.....

Export Award Category (Product)

Total FOB value realized for the product (Rs):

Total FOB value realized for the product (US\$):

Sr.No.	HSN Code	Commodity	Quantity (MT)	FOB value realized in US\$	FOB value realized in Rs.
			Total		

Domestic Award Category (Product) Total Turnover Value for the product (Rs):

Sr.No.	HSN Code	Commodity	Quantity (MT)	Total Quantity	Total Turnover Value
			Total		

Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders

WELCOMING OUR NEW DIRECTORS

		
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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Amrit Mehsana Startup and Innovation Mission and Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders for the purpose of establishing a collaborative partnership to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and community engagement through various initiatives.

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Memorandum of Understanding signed by Federation with Bharat Sub Continent Agri Foundation

Shri Ashwin Nayak, Chairman, Federation signed MoU with Bharat Sub Continent Agri Foundation at the prestigious South Asia Agri Forum held on 15th & 16th January 2025 in Hotel Shangri-La, Colombo, Sri-Lanka.

The MoU covered general co-operation for fostering Bilateral Agri-Trade of Spices, Exchange of Information, knowledge, technology for the benefit of bilateral trade. The salient features of the MoU are:

- a. Exchange of trade, and investment related information.
- b. Exchange of publications and information of multilateral trade;
- c. On a best effort's basis, partnering in Food/AgTech technology transfers and investment;
- d. Any other form of bilateral trade cooperation as may be mutually decided;
- e. Exchange of trade enquires and business proposals for prospective businesses;
- f. Exchange of trade delegations; bilateral trade and investments
- g. Promoting technology transfer, joint venture and investment;
- h. Organizing exhibitions, conferences, and similar events on mutually decided terms;
- i. Members of BSAF and FISS may enjoy “member rates” for events hosted by both bodies, individually or jointly;
- j. Any other ways which may be mutually conceptualized and decided by both Parties



Start-ups and Innovation in the field of Agriculture

Federation organised meeting with Start-ups and Innovation in the field of Agriculture through Amrit Mehsana Start-up and Innovation Mission (AMSIM) on 24.1.2025 at APMC Unjha. An MoU was signed by Federation focussing on Value addition in Spice industry.

The function was graced by the presence of Hon’ble Shri Kiritbhai Patel, MLA Unjha, Shri. M Nagarajan, IAS Collector and District Magistrate of Mehsana, Gujarat, Shri Dinesh Patel, Shri Ashwin Nayak, Chairman, Shri U Karthik, Co-Chairman, FISS Board Members



Report by Kedia Advisory Services

Turmeric Market Outlook: Production Challenges and Export Gains Propel Prices



Particularly in India, the market has continuously boosted agricultural livelihoods. India's contribution, which accounts for between 77 and 80 percent of global output, emphasises the need of comprehending the variables affecting this vital commodity. India produced 10.54 lakh tonnes of turmeric in 2023–2024, accounting for 13.18 lakh tonnes of the total production worldwide. However, delayed arrivals and crop diseases like powdery mildew and blight have decreased output, particularly in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra, where yield losses of 20–25% have been documented. Two-thirds of the state's farmed land comes from Marathwada, making it a crucial hub for turmeric despite these obstacles.

India's exports of turmeric have increased dramatically, reaching 1.62 lakh tonnes in 2023–2024 at a value of \$226.5 million. Bangladesh alone imports 40,000 tonnes, and the United States, the United Arab Emirates, and Bangladesh are export destinations. Notably, exports reached 1.93 lakh tonnes in the first nine months of 2024, an 18% increase. Despite production issues, this growth demonstrates the demand for turmeric worldwide. A possibly good supply forecast is also indicated by factors like greater seeding, which is predicted to increase by 25–30%, and an anticipated production of 78–80 lakh bags in 2025. Involving partners from important producing states and government departments, the Turmeric Board was established with the additional goal of streamlining procedures.

The market for turmeric is greatly impacted by crop health and weather. Even though Telangana and Maharashtra have seen improvements in planting techniques due to favourable weather, illnesses like powdery mildew still present a risk. Short-term market trends are expected to be further shaped by seasonal variables, such as increased demand during Ramadan. On the other hand, a tight balance sheet, which is typified by low carryover stocks and restricted imports, indicates supply constraints that could provide medium-term price support.

Turmeric prices are anticipated to find support at about ₹12,400 from the current price of ₹14,040. Prices are expected to rise towards ₹16,400 over the course of the next 30 to 40 days due to tighter supply, increased exports, and improving demand. This perspective highlights turmeric's crucial position in the global agri-industry by striking a balance between production recovery and changing market dynamics. In summary, India's market for turmeric is still strong thanks to its large worldwide market share, smart export expansion, and flexible legislative frameworks that maintain market stability.

Cumin Market: Export Boom and Supply Constraints Shape Price Outlook



India is the world's largest producer and supplier of cumin, also known as jeera, which is essential to the country's spice market and international exports. Thanks to better crop conditions and more sowing, India's cumin production grew to 8.6 lakh tonnes for the 2023–24 crop year from 5.77

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lakh tonnes the year before. Gujarat and Rajasthan, where cumin sowing was postponed but eventually benefited from favourable weather, made significant contributions. However, because to difficulties in expanding production, acreage slightly decreased.

A major factor in Jeera's impressive development has been the export market. Jeera exports increased 77.37% between April and October 2024, totalling 1,35,450 tonnes. In October alone, the year-over-year rise was 161.04%. India is now the world's cheapest supplier thanks to its competitive pricing, which is \$3,050 per tonne, or \$200–\$250 less than China's costs. Geopolitical unrest in the Middle East and rising demand from China and other foreign markets further increased export quantities, especially from Gujarat's Unjha market, which is the centre of Jeera trade. Furthermore, the festival season and the widespread use of cumin in Indian cooking have maintained a high level of local demand.

Variable arrivals and significant carryover stocks continue to impact domestic supply dynamics. Only 3–4 lakh bags are anticipated to be exchanged by the end of the season, leaving a carryover of roughly 16 lakh bags from the estimated 20–25 lakh bags in store at this time. Prices were momentarily lowered when the daily arrivals in Unjha, which typically range between 12,000 and 14,000 bags, suddenly surged to 17,000–22,000 bags over two days. The trend of supply will be significantly influenced by the impact of new arrivals anticipated in February 2025. Stock-to-use ratios, on the other hand, suggest that supply is limited, which puts more strain on market stability.

There are certain obstacles in the production forecast for 2024–2025. Although unfavourable weather during seeding, such as delays and acreage reduction, has limited further increase. In Gujarat and Rajasthan, late sowing has increased unpredictability, but crop prospects were bolstered by better-than-expected rains. Changes in global export demand and the geopolitical environment continue to be important factors influencing market dynamics.

Jeera prices are anticipated to find support at ₹21,000 because to the limited supply, postponed sowing, and strong export demand. Over the next 30 to 40 days, prices are expected to rise from the current CMP (Current Market Price) of ₹22,250 to ₹24,500. The prognosis emphasises how crucial effective supply management is to preserving market stability and leveraging the rising demand for Indian cumin around the world. Jeera continues to be a vital item in the spice trade, with exports playing a crucial role and domestic inventories being under strain.

Indian Dhaniya Market Faces Tight Supply and Rising Prices



In the Indian spice market, coriander—also known as Dhaniya—plays a crucial role and makes a substantial contribution to the agricultural economy. With the help of favourable sowing weather, India, the world's largest producer and consumer of coriander, produced 110 lakh bags (50 kg each) during the 2023–24 crop year. Unseasonal rains, however, have raised worries about waterlogging and fungal diseases like powdery mildew, which have an impact on crop quality and output, especially in important producing states like Rajasthan. Production is predicted to increase 97 to 100 lakh bags for the forthcoming 2024–25 season due to a marginal improvement in the area in Gujarat, but the lower area is still reported from Rajasthan. Overall, the production number is doing the catch-up job, but still would be about 11% lower than the last year's crop of 110 lakh bags. This indicates the crop's susceptibility to climate change, as it represents a notable decrease from the 110 lakh bags produced the year before.

Due to its widespread use in Indian cooking and its many health advantages, dhaniya is still in high demand. Compared to the previous year's consumption of 177 lakh bags, domestic consumption for the 2023–24 season was slightly lower at 144.40 lakh bags. Despite this, domestic consumption is predicted to remain stable due to the approaching wedding season and steady home demand. India has been able to sustain a robust global presence in the export industry thanks to its affordable pricing. For example, India's coriander exports increased by 118% year over year to 19.28 lakh bags in 2023–24 from 8.82 lakh bags in 2022–23. Despite weak demand from some regions, this increase shows the growing reliance on Indian coriander worldwide.

The supply-side difficulties are further highlighted by the tight balance sheet. Compared to 22 lakh bags the year before, closing stockpiles for 2023–24 are expected to end up in the negative zone. This notable decrease emphasises the limited supply, especially during times of high demand. Although they are still insufficient to counteract the production loss, careful stock management and restricted imports of 5.72 lakh bags have been crucial in stabilising the market. Consequently, there is now upward pressure on pricing as the stock-to-use ratio has tightened.

Dhaniya prices are anticipated to find good support around ₹7850 due to the decreased output, consistent demand, and limited closing stocks. Prices are expected to increase towards ₹8900 (200 DMA resistance) during the next 30 to 40 days from the present CMP (present Market Price) of ₹8440.

Government of India notifies establishment of National Turmeric Board

National Turmeric Board to increase awareness and consumption of turmeric and develop new markets internationally to increase exports

Board to promote research and development into new products and develop on our traditional knowledge for value-added turmeric products

Turmeric exports from India expected to rise to US\$ 1 Billion by 2030

Posted On: 04 OCT 2023 3:30PM by PIB Delhi

The Government of India today notified the constitution of the National Turmeric Board. The National Turmeric Board will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country.

The National Turmeric Board will provide leadership on turmeric related matters, augment the efforts, and facilitate greater coordination with Spices Board and other Government agencies in development and growth of the turmeric sector.

There is significant potential and interest world over on the health and wellness benefits of turmeric, which the Board will leverage to further increase awareness and consumption, develop new markets internationally to increase exports, promote research and development into new products, and develop on our traditional knowledge for value-added turmeric products. It will especially focus on capacity building and skill development of turmeric growers for harnessing greater benefits out of value addition. The Board will also promote quality and food safety standards and adherence to such standards. The Board will also take steps to further safeguard and usefully exploit turmeric's full potential for humanity.

The activities of the Board will contribute towards greater well-being and prosperity of the turmeric activities into research, market development, increasing consumption, and value addition will also ensure that our growers and processors continue to maintain their pre-eminent position in the global markets as exporters of high-quality turmeric and turmeric products.

The Board shall have a Chairperson to be appointed by the Central Government, members from the Ministry of AYUSH, Departments of Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Commerce & Industry of the Union Government, senior State Government representatives from three states (on rotation basis), select national/state institutions involved in research, representatives of turmeric farmers and exporters, and have a Secretary to be appointed by the Department of Commerce.

India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world. In the year 2022-23, an area of 3.24 lakh ha was under turmeric cultivation in India with a production of 11.61 lakh tonnes (over 75% of global turmeric production). More than 30 varieties of Turmeric are grown in India and it is grown in over 20 states in the country. The largest producing states of Turmeric are Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

India has more than 62% share of world trade in turmeric. During 2022-23, 1.534 lakh tonnes of turmeric and turmeric products valued at 207.45 million USD was exported by more than 380 exporters. The leading export markets for Indian Turmeric are Bangladesh, UAE, USA and Malaysia. With the focused activities of the Board, it is expected that turmeric exports will reach USD 1 Billion by 2030.

The Govt. has appointed Shri Pale Ganga Reddy, BJP Leader as the maiden Chairman of the Board. The Board would have members from the Ministry of AYUSH, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture and Farmers' welfare, Commerce and Industry, senior State Govt. representatives from the Turmeric growing states, select state / national institutions involved in Research, and representatives of turmeric farmers and exporters. It will also have a Bureaucrat to take care of the Board's function



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Circular No: 22/2024-25

07th January, 2025

Sub: Requirements for obtaining No Objection Certificate from Spices Board for return of Spices -reg

Spices Board has been receiving requests from exporters for issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) for returning / re-routing of spice consignments, that have been recalled/not cleared by the authorities of the importing countries, due to non-compliance with the applicable standards of the respective country.

In this regard, the instructions / steps involved in processing and issuance of NOC are given below, for strict compliance of the exporters, so as to enable timely processing of NOC requests.

- The NOCs will be issued only by the Spices Board head office and the firms which require a NOC, shall submit the i) Summary report in the table given below, ii) Alert report (attached as Annexure I), iii) Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Report (attached as Annexure II), iv) Measures adopted by the exporter for non-recurrence of the incident, v) Copy of sourcing, process and quality evaluation SOPs of the exporter, vi) Invoice & Shipping bill (with details of the buyer), vii) Details of the Office concerned of the port health authority / regulatory body (address with email), viii) Test report from importing country (if available), ix) Utilization plan for the consignment once back to India with timelines and x) Additional Information (if any available / sought by the Board)

Name of Exporter	Invoice No & date	Container number	Date of departure from India	Destination port	Product details	Quantity (MT)	Port of Entry India (on return of the
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- The request along with the requisite documents shall be submitted by email to dm.sb-ker@gov.in with copy to marketing.sb-ker@gov.in, nithin.loe@nic.in & razypn.sb@gov.in and the respective Regional office of the Board.
- On receipt of the requisite documents, the request will be evaluated by the technical cell of the Board and issuance of the NOC will be considered, as follows.
 - if the exporter intends to utilize the material for domestic use, NOC will be considered only if the value of the toxin/contaminant/residue reported by the importing country is within the maximum level applicable in India.
 - if the exporter intends to re-route / re-export the material to a different country, NOC will be considered only if the value of the toxin/contaminant/residue reported by the importing country is within the maximum level applicable for the destination country.
- The exporter shall use the returned products only as per the course of action approved and communicated by Spices Board. Also the exporter shall submit all the relevant documents / evidence for effective utilization of the returned consignment, within the time period stipulated by the Board.
- The NOCs are being issued by Spices Board in its capacity as the competent authority for export promotion of spices and spice products and based on the request by the firm and the course of action approved by the Board. With regard to the return/entry of consignment to India, the instructions/guidelines/rules/regulations, if any, issued by FSSAI/Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) / any other relevant Department/ Organization/Authority, shall prevail.
- A copy of the communication to the exporter will be marked to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) & Customs for useful action.

- The NOC is issued after thorough scrutiny of the action plan for compliance with the applicable standards of the countries concerned, verification of documents and details etc. Accordingly, the issuance of NOC shall involve a turnaround time of at least 7 working days from the date of submission of complete documents/ details as per Sl. No 1 above. Hence, the exporters shall submit the request for NOCs well in advance, so as to avoid penal charges /demurrage at the importing country.

It may be noted that as per Regulation 5 (13) of the Spices Board Registration of Exporters Regulations, the exporter shall neither contract to export nor export spices which do not conform to the standards in force in the importing country. Accordingly, the exporter shall take necessary steps to ensure compliance of the export consignments with the applicable standards, thereby avoiding chances for recall / non-clearance. The NOCs are issued by the Board only as a facilitative measure and the Board, by taking into account various micro and macro level factors, shall decide not to consider the request for issuance of NOC.

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products / Exporter Offices of the Board

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For more details click here

<https://www.indianspices.com/indianspices/sites/default/files/22-2024-25.pdf>



E. No: CUS/ASS/MISC/16/2025-CEAC

Date: 02-01-2025

Advisory No. 01/2025

Subject: Advisory on Opting Out of the RoDTEP Scheme

In reference to Notification No. 32/2024-25 dated 30th September 2024, issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), the following advisory is issued to Exporters/Stakeholders/Customs Brokers for their information and compliance:

a. Extension of RoDTEP Scheme:

- The RoDTEP Scheme, aimed at reimbursing embedded duties and taxes on exported products, has been extended for goods manufactured by Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) units until 30th September 2025.
- For goods manufactured under Advance Authorisation, Export Oriented Units (EOUs), and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), the scheme was extended upto 31st December 2024.

b. Advisory for Exporters:

- For exports after December 31, 2024, goods exported/to be exported under Advance Authorization/EOU/SEZ schemes will no longer be eligible for RoDTEP benefits.
- The Exporters/Customs Brokers filing shipping bills under Advance Authorisation/EOU/SEZ Schemes are advised to carefully opt for the RoDTEP Scheme, in accordance with extant provisions of the law.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Signed by Mallinath
Kashinath Jeure
Date: 02-01-2025 19:11:58

Mallinath Kashinath Jeure
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

ADC/JC-I-O/o-Commissioner-Customs-Nhava Sheva-II

Copy to:

1. The Concerned Exporter/Stakeholders/Customs Brokers

IMPORT REJECTIONS IN SPICES FROM EU AND USA

DECEMBER 2024 (Extracted only for India)

RASFF Import Rejection (in Spices)- December 2024

Total Rejections 31
Most no: import rejections reported from India (7)
Spice with the highest number of rejections Chilli (10)
Reason for the most no: of rejections Presence of pesticides (14)

USFDA Import Refusal (in Spices)- December 2024

Total Rejections 30
Most no: import rejections reported from India (18)
Spice with the highest number of rejections Spice mixes (11)
Reason for the most no: of rejections Presence of Salmonella

RASFF Alerts

Sl. No	Commodity	Origin	Reason For Rejection
9	Chilli Powder	India	Aflatoxin B1 (11 µg/Kg)
10	Ground Cumin	India	Pyrrolizidine Alkaloids (920 µg/Kg)
11	Ajwain (Cumin Royale)	India	Chlorpyrifos-Ethyl (0.034 Mg/Kg)
12	Cumin Powder	India	Iprobenfos (0.18 Mg/Kg)
13	Ginger Powder	India	Chlorpyrifos (0.033 Mg/Kg)
14	Ginger Powder	India	Chlorpyrifos (0.052 Mg/Kg)
15	Frozen Thai Basil	India	Salmonella

USFDA Alerts

Sl. No:	Product	Origin	Reason for Rejection	FDA Sample Analysis
5	Fennel, Whole (Spice)	India	The article appears to contain an artificial coloring and it fails to bear labeling stating that fact. The article appears to be, or to bear or contain a color additive which is unsafe	No
6	Fennel, Whole (Spice)	India	The article appears to be, or to bear or contain a color additive which is unsafe	No
7	Fennel, Whole (Spice)	India	The article appears to be, or to bear or contain a color additive which is unsafe	No
8	Fennel, Whole (Spice)	India	The article appears to be, or to bear or contain a color additive which is unsafe	No
9	Cinnamon, Cassia, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	The article appears to consist in whole or in part of a filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance or be otherwise unfit for food.	FDA Sample Analysis
10	Pepper, White, Whole (Spice)	India	The article appears to consist in whole or in part of a filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance or be otherwise unfit for food.	No
11	Pepper, Black, Whole (Spice)	India	The article appears to consist in whole or in part of a filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance or be otherwise unfit for food. It appears to contain salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No

12	Mixed Spices And Seasoning With Salt, N.E.C.	India	The article appears to consist in whole or in part of a filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance or be otherwise unfit for food.	No
13	Cinnamon, Cassia, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to bear or contain a poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the article injurious to health.	FDA Sample Analysis
14	Capsicums (Cayenne Chili, Hot Peppers), Whole (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
15	Capsicums (Cayenne Chili, Hot Peppers), Whole (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
16	Capsicums (Cayenne Chili, Hot Peppers), Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
17	Cumin, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
18	Cumin, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
19	Cumin, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
20	Cumin, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	FDA Sample Analysis
21	Turmeric, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
24	Mixed Spice And Seasonings, Ground, Cracked, Without Salt, N.E.C.	India	It appears to be misbranded within the meaning of Section 403(f) of the FD&C Act in that any word, statement, or other information required by or under the authority of the FD&C Act to appear on the label or labeling is not prominently placed thereon with such conspicuousness. It is fabricated from two or more ingredients and the label fails to bear the common or usual name of each such ingredient. It appears to be misbranded in that the label or labeling fails to bear the required nutrition information.	No

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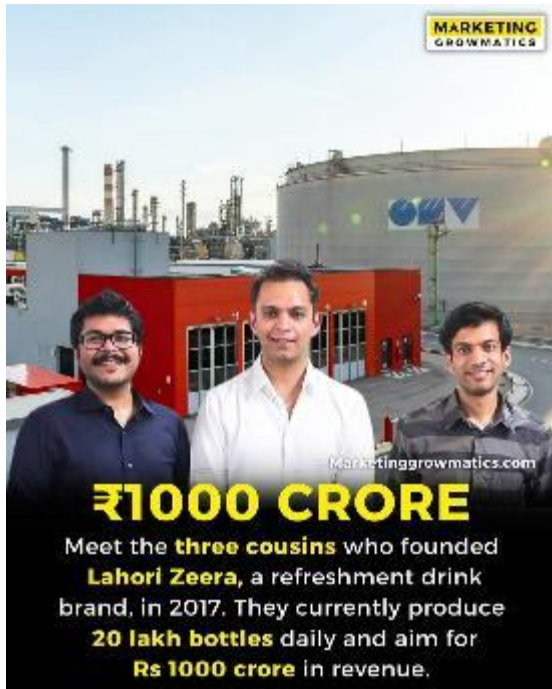


WORLD SPICE ORGANISATION

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/importrefusals/> <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/rasff-window/portal/?event=SearchForm&cleanSearch=1>

Data Courtesy Yogesh Mehta, Trustee, FISS

In Other News....



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Meet the **three cousins** who founded **Lahori Zeera**, a refreshment drink brand, in 2017. They currently produce **20 lakh bottles** daily and aim for **Rs 1000 crore** in revenue.

Colombo Stock Exchange to get NCDEX help in commodity derivatives trading

SANJEEB MUKHERJEE
New Delhi, 16 January

India's leading agriculture commodity exchange, the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX), on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), for setting up a comprehensive framework for commodities and derivatives trading.

The agreement will enable knowledge transfer between the two exchanges where they will share expertise in product designing and development, trading systems and regulatory framework, sources said.

It will also involve assistance for setting up advanced trading and operational systems,

capacity building by conducting training programmes and infrastructure development, they said.

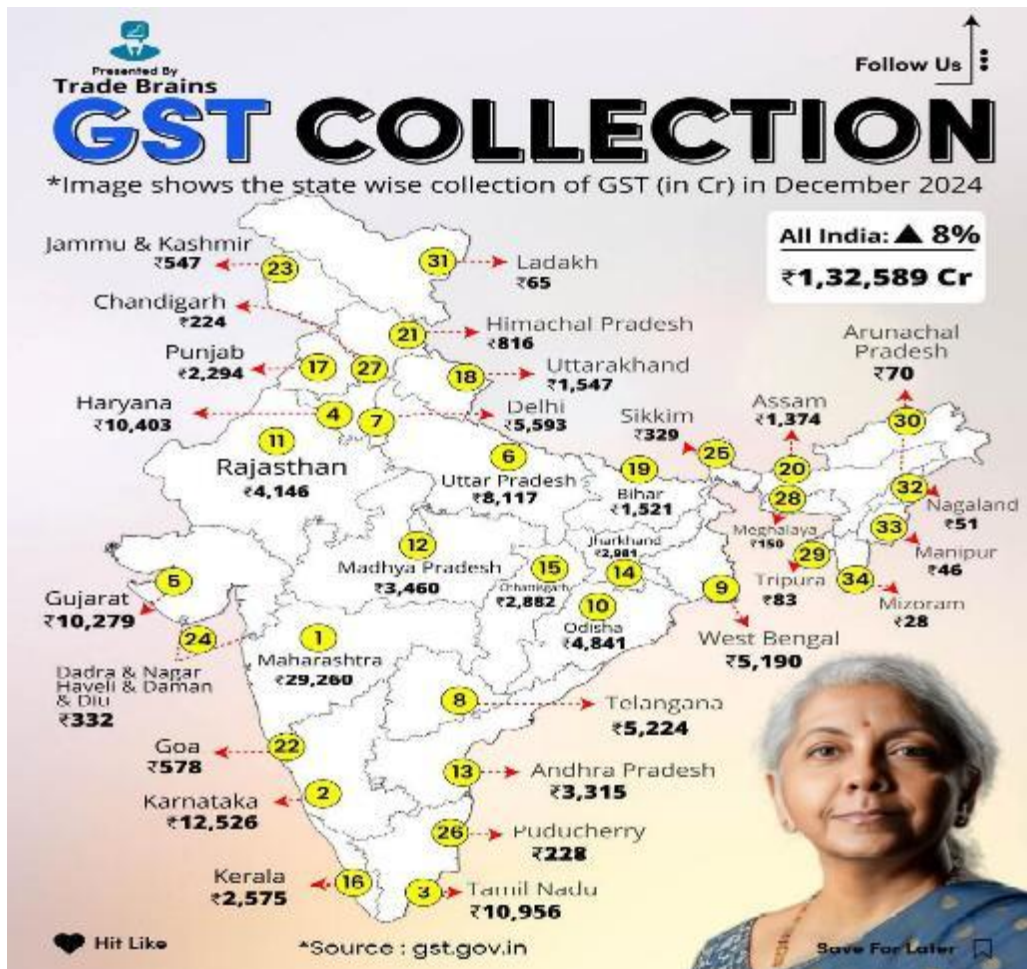
The understanding will also enable the development of a broad-level regulatory framework to ensure smooth functioning of derivatives trading. Sources said a formal agreement between the two exchanges was signed in the presence of NCDEX CEO Arun Raste and CSE Chairman Dilshan Wirasekara.

Wirasekara said the agreement will enable Sri Lanka's journey towards diversifying its capital market offerings.

Raste noted that the exchange's expertise in derivatives and commodities trading developed under the unwavering support of the Indian

government enables it to share valuable insights internationally. NCDEX, India's leading commodities exchange was incorporated on April 23, 2003 as a public limited company, and commenced operations on December 15, 2003, as a recognised association under the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952. From September 2015, the exchange became a recognised stock exchange under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act of 1956 under the regulation of the Securities Exchange Board of India.

It saw a dip in fortunes after the central government suspended derivatives trading of paddy (non-basmati), wheat, chana, mustard seed and its derivatives, soybean and its derivatives, crude palm oil and moong.



Commerce dept seeks to extend 2 export schemes

SHREYA NANDI
New Delhi, 16 January

Ahead of the Union Budget, the commerce department is talking to the finance ministry on continuing two major export-boosting schemes — Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (Rodtep) for export-oriented units and special economic zones (SEZs), and the Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES).

Both expired on December 31.

In the case of Rodtep for SEZs, export-oriented units (EoUs), and Advance Authorisation (AA), the scheme has been extended till January 29 after an intervention from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) last week. On the other hand, the IES has not been renewed although the commerce department is seeking a slightly modified version of the scheme to cover at least micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), a senior government official told *Business Standard*.

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EYEING EXTENSION

- Rodtep for SEZs and EoUs extended till Jan 29 after PMO intervention
- IES expired on Dec 31; renewal under discussion
- Commerce dept proposes additional allocation of ₹1,600–1,700 cr for Rodtep to extend till March 31
- Also seeks renewal of IES for 5 yrs, focusing primarily on MSMEs
- Both schemes may feature in the Budget if approved by the finance ministry



Kisan Kavach: Unveiling the Safety Shield

On 17th December 24, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled Kisan Kavach, Bharat's first anti-pesticide bodysuit, designed to protect farmers from the harmful effects of pesticide exposure. This ground-breaking innovation is a major step forward in ensuring farmer safety and empowers the agricultural community through science and technology. The event also marked the distribution of the first batch of Kisan Kavach suits to farmers, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding farmers.

Gujarat govt splits Banaskantha to create new district Vav-Tharad

"The new district, Vav-Tharad, will be formed by combining 8 talukas and 4 municipalities, with headquarters in Tharad,

Talukas of Vav-Tharad: Vav, Bhabhar, Tharad, Dhanera, Suigam, Lakhani, Diyodar, and Kankrej.
Talukas of Banaskantha: Palanpur, Danta, Amirgarh, Dantiwada, Vadgam, and Deesa.

COMMERCE MINISTRY’S BUDGET PITCH

‘Prioritise MSMEs under ₹3,000-crore Interest Equalisation Scheme’

RAVIDUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 16

AHEAD OF THE Union Budget 2025-26, the Commerce and Industry Ministry has approached the Finance Ministry to seek an extension of the revamped ₹3,000 crore Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) to prioritise focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in exports, a government official said. The two ministries are in discussion to decide the final contours of the scheme, which lapsed on December 31 last year.

Amid concerns raised in the Finance Ministry that most of the benefits of the Interest Equalisation Scheme were accruing to large exporters, especially by non-MSMEs, both the ministries are looking to resolve the issue by not completely ending the scheme that would end up hurting MSMEs. A tweak in the scheme will provide a renewed support to MSMEs for exports as MSMEs contribute around 45 per cent to India’s total exports.

“We have not renewed IES. We (Commerce Ministry) are still negotiating with the Finance Ministry to allow it in a slightly modified format. But there have been a number of questions on IES. There are concerns about IES being cornered by non-MSMEs, so we have suggested that the scheme can be confined to MSME,” the person quoted above said.

“There are a number of different kinds of options. We are seeking extension of the scheme for five months in a slightly modified form for MSMEs seeking similar allocation. The present outgo of the scheme is ₹3,000

crore. We are not suggesting an increase in the outgo. It is an ongoing scheme so it may not be part of the budget announcement. Any modification, re-vamping will happen through an Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) route,” the person said.

Exporters had raised the demand for an extension of the IES scheme in their pre-Budget consultation meetings with the government. An extension of the scheme would be crucial for exporters to get bank loans at a

veyed to the Finance Ministry that slow off take of inventories with lesser purchasing power, owing to high inflation, has led to liquidity challenges for the buyers. This has also resulted in demand for credit for longer duration.

“Buyers, who used to pay between 30-60 days, are now asking for credit between 120-150 days or even longer. With increased credit demand for longer duration, the cost of credit has become all the more relevant. This has brought focus on the Interest Equalisation Scheme which currently is only available up to December 2024 and that too to manufacturers in MSME with an annual cap of ₹50 lakh per IEC holder, which is insufficient for many MSMEs,” FIEO had said in its pre-Budget submission to the government.

A long-term IES will help the exporters to quickly conclude orders offering the most competitive rates to push exports, exporters said, adding that this is more relevant for orders in which the profit margins are wafer thin and availability of interest subvention of 3 per cent may help the exporters to clinch or lose the order. The IES scheme, announced in April 2015, gives subsidies on interest provided on pre-and post-shipment export credit varying between 3 per cent and 5 per cent to exporters.

“While the subsidy provided by the IES is making exports competitive, in few cases, it may be adding to the profitability of exporters who have better profit margins due to value addition, branding etc. Since, the IES is addressing a disability of our economy, which is the high cost of credit, we have to look from the perspective of the majority of exporters,” FIEO said.



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subsidised interest rate. Exporters have argued that rising inflation and logistics challenges due to the Red Sea crisis are leading to a substantial jump in the requirement of export credit.

Export credit declined between March 2022 and March 2024 despite rising need for the same due to longer voyage time amid the Red Sea crisis. According to Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the value of export credit outstanding has come down to ₹2,17,406 crore in the March 2024 quarter from ₹2,27,452 crore in the previous year. In its Budget proposal, FIEO had con-

AMID GLOBAL RESTRICTIONS ON FARM PRODUCTS AND STRICT PESTICIDE RESIDUE NORMS...

Sops in Works for Organic Farming to Double Exports

Talks on to give incentives to cover farmers’ losses, announcement likely in budget

Kirtika Suneja

New Delhi: The government is considering incentives for organic production and natural farming as it aims to double organic exports amid export restrictions on farm products and strict pesticide residue norms, called maximum residue limits (MRL), in developed markets.

Talks are on to give incentives to cover likely losses incurred by the farmers involved in organic farming and an announcement could be made in the upcoming budget, officials said. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the budget for 2025-26 next month.

The exercise is part of the rework of the 2018 Agriculture Export Policy that had aimed at \$60 billion agri exports by 2022 and \$100 billion thereafter but the target remains unachieved with India’s overall farm ex-

Back to Nature
Organic farming key amid pesticide, health concerns

Aim is to double organic exports to \$1b in FY26

Govt reviews Agri Export Policy, focus on organic produce

EXPORTS THAT FACE HIGH SCRUTINY

Chillies, tea, basmati rice, milk, poultry, bovine meat, fish to EU	Sesame seed, shrimps to Japan	Fruits, shrimps to US
Food, meat, fish, dairy to China	Bovine meat to South Korea	

India’s exports of spices, basmati rice, chillies, tea and sesame seeds are subject to MRLs. There have been instances of high levels of thiamethoxam (an insecticide) and tricyclazole (a fungicide) in basmati rice, salmonella in chilli powder and onion powder, and unauthorised colour in turmeric being found in food products.

The country has made a strong pitch at WTO for formulation of guidelines to determine default MRL in the absence of international standards, else these requirements become trade-restrictive and act as non-tariff barriers to international trade, disproportionately affecting exporters from developing countries.

India aims to double its organic product exports to \$1 billion in FY26 and grab a higher share of global organic exports, which are estimated around \$147 billion annually.

ports expected to cross only \$50 billion in FY25.

“Fertiliser prices are rising and there are concerns related to MRL and health issues. Discussions are going on if new incentives can be given to cover the initial loss incurred in na-

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tural and organic farming,” said an official.

The traces pesticides leave in treated products are called residues and MRL is the highest level of a pesticide residue that is legally tolerated in food or feed.

Govt may restore export support to SEZ units, MSMEs

Amiti Sen
New Delhi

Ahead of Budget 2025, the government is considering extending key export schemes that have lapsed. The objective is to provide relief to exporters in the backdrop of volatile global demand.

The Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) is likely to cover SEZ units and EOUs, which were excluded from January 1, and the interest equalisation scheme for accessing cheap export credit, sources said.

An additional provision of ₹1,600-1,700 crore is being considered to extend RoDTEP to SEZs and EOUs till the end of the fiscal year. The Commerce Department has also made a case for extending the interest equalisation scheme in a “slightly modified form” for four to five years, sources said.

“Last week, the PMO dis-



ON THE CARDS. Provision of ₹1,600-1,700 crore being considered to include SEZs and EOUs in the RoDTEP scheme till the end of the fiscal year

cussed a key grievance of SEZs and EOUs of having being cut off from the RoDTEP scheme from January 1, 2025, while the scheme continues for other exporters.”

FIRST STEP

“Once that happens, further extensions can be considered in the next fiscal when more funds will be available,” officials tracking the matter told *businessline*.

The RoDTEP scheme, announced in January 2021, refunds embedded duties and taxes, such as VAT on fuel used in transportation,

mandi tax and duty on electricity used during manufacturing of the exported items. Units in SEZs and EOUs and advance authorisation holders were included in the scheme in March 2024 but were excluded from January 1 while other exporters are eligible till September 30, 2025, per a notification issued by the DGFT in September 2024.

In representations made to the Department of Expenditure and the Department of Commerce, the Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs noted that

there was no justification for denying the benefits to one set of exporters (SEZ/EOU/AA holders) vis-a-vis other exporters in the domestic area (DTA). If there are budget constraints, product categories/sectors may be reduced rather than one small set of exporters being put to a disadvantage, it suggested.

SUPPORTING MSMEs

In the case of the interest equalisation scheme, which lapsed on December 31, 2024, the DGFT is trying to persuade the Finance Ministry to extend it to all initial beneficiaries but is ready to negotiate on limiting the beneficiaries to the MSME sector if funds are a constraint, the source said.

The interest equalisation scheme, under which beneficiaries are extended export credit by banks at a subsidised interest rate, was implemented in April 2015 and has been in place for five years. It covers non-MSME exporters of about 410 identified

products and all exporters from the MSME sector. The scheme was subsequently extended for limited periods; the last extension, only for MSME exporters, lapsed on December 31, 2024.

“The DGFT has made a case for extending the interest equalisation scheme for four-five years with the initial annual budget of ₹3,000 crore. Various formats have been proposed to choose the beneficiaries,” the official said.

SAFETY NET

With goods exports still facing rough weather as geopolitical risks continue to affect global demand, existing schemes play an important role in ensuring competitiveness of Indian exporters, per the Commerce Department.

Exports of goods in April-December 2024 increased 1.6 per cent (year-on-year) to \$321.71 billion while exports in the last two months registered consecutive declines.

Some food trends in India in 2025

- **Plant-based and alternative proteins:** As sustainability concerns grow, plant-based and lab-grown proteins are becoming more popular.
- **Mindful eating:** People are eating less sugar and sodium, and more fruits, salads, and soups.
- **Spicy foods:** Ultra-hot ingredients like habaneros and ghost peppers are becoming more popular.
- **Fusion food:** Global techniques are being combined with Indian flavors to create new dishes.
- **Immersive dining experiences:** Live-fire cooking and pop-ups are creating unique experiences for diners.
- **Edible décor:** Edible decorations like strawberry centrepieces or baguette bouquets are replacing traditional decorations.
- **Tamarind:** The pulp and kernel powder of this sweet-and-sour fruit are being used in cooking and cocktails.
- **Local ingredients:** Bartenders are using Indian spices, fruits, and herbs to craft cocktails.

Other food trends in 2025 include:

- Climate-conscious menus
- Functional and healthy food
- Third-culture cuisines
- Tropical flavors
- Korean barbecue
- Lebanese flavors
- European flavors

CHOCOLATE EGGLESS SOUFFLE RECIPE

Here's an interesting & enticing recipe for our delightful taste.

INGREDIENTS

- 200 ml Full fat Milk (refer notes for cup measurement)
- 400 ml Whipping cream
- 100 gms Cooking/Baking dark chocolate (used LINDT dark chocolate)
- 1 tbsp Gelatin (10 gms)
- 100 gms Sugar (1/2 cup leveled, approx)
- 1 - 1.5 tbsp Instant coffee powder (refer notes)

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine milk, chocolate, instant coffee powder and half qty of the sugar. Bring it to a boil and simmer till the chocolate and sugar melt completely. Remove from fire and let it cool.

Dissolve gelatin in 1/2 cup hot water while stirring briskly with a fork. Continue to stir until all the gelatin granules have dissolved and the liquid is clear and golden. Allow to cool for 10-15 mins and add to the chocolate mixture.

Add the remaining sugar to the whipping cream and whip it till soft peaks form. Add the whipped cream to the chocolate mixture in 2 batches and fold in gently.

Transfer the mixture to serving bowl and let it set in the refrigerator for 5-6 hours or overnight. Once the soufflé is set, you can pipe some whipped cream on top, if desired. Garnish with some chocolate shavings/curls/sauce

NOTES

Make sure you use a good quality chocolate for this recipe. It's better to set the soufflé in individual serving bowls. I added only 1 tbsp coffee powder, if you prefer a stronger coffee taste, add 1.5 tbsp.

You can also add chopped walnuts for garnishing.

Keep the soufflé @ room temp for 10 mins or so, before serving.

200 mls is 3/4 cup + 3 tbsp

LINK FOR RECIPE <https://mariasmenu.com/desserts/no-bake-eggless-chocolate-souffle>

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ABOUT US

Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders commonly known as FISS in the agro-trade in India and abroad is a Pan India association of prominent stakeholders of the Spice trade viz Farmers, Traders, Processors, Manufacturers and Exporters with an aim to bring them under one platform for creating a viable Eco-system for a sustainable growth and development of the spice trade.

FISS Head office is situated in Unjha Gujarat which has one of the biggest APMC in the country, well known commercial centre throughout India for its trade of Jeera (Cumin), Variali (Fennel Seeds), Isabgol (Psyllium Husk), Raido (Mustard Seeds), Dhaniya (Coriander), Methi (Fenugreek) among other spices.

The Trustees, office bearers & the Board of Directors of FISS consist of eminent leaders from the Spice Industry who work relentlessly to resolve the issues faced by the trade and represent the trade at appropriate levels.

India is predominantly an agrarian economy; the majority of the country's population depends on agriculture for their livelihood and this sector contributes roughly 14% of the country's total GDP.

FISS is one of its kind in the country and works as a catalyst between farmers and Industry.

As a part of our social responsibility, Federation imparts training to Agricultural University students by involving them in the crop survey and impart practical training as these young minds are the future of the country in sustainable growth, development of the agro-sector and building up food security.

Annual Crop Survey of Seed Spices Viz Coriander, Cumin, Fennel and Fenugreek

The Federation undertakes physical and scientific crop surveys during January and February for the last many years of seed spices. The students of Dantiwada Agri University are engaged to tour the various seed spices growing area for surveying the crops under the guidance of the Federation members, faculty, agriculture experts, farmers and compiling the crop survey report which are presented at the Annual Spice Trade meet. The Federation crop survey report is released in the Annual Spice meet held in the month of March every year. Our reports are referred to by the Spice Trade and Ministry for its near accuracy.

Crop Survey 2024 was supported by Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Annual Spice Trade Meet – The most coveted and flagship event of the Federation

Federation has been successfully organising Annual Spice trade meet and Mid-Term meet during the last several years at Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Neemuch and other places. During the annual meet the Crop survey report is revealed and during Mid-term meet review is undertaken to analyze the crop harvested in relation to the crop production estimated.

Interactive Panel discussion are conducted on the major seed spices i.e. Cumin seed, Coriander, Fennel seed and Fenugreek. Veterans and experts from the spice trade are invited as panellists to share their views on the topics moderated by experts from Zee Business, CNBC Awaaz, Times Group, Commodity World and others.

The discussion and deliberation at the panel are focused on Seed spices - Area of cultivation, Yield, Production, effect of climatic changes, Domestic and International consumption and demand pattern, Market Volatility, Stock availability, Effect on usage of pesticides, Organic farming, Crop rotation and Farmers welfare.

Stakeholders from the Spice trade eco-system consisting of farmers, traders, processors, manufacturers, exporters, brokers, agents and others from across India attend this event in large numbers to learn about the sowing, weather conditions, rainfall, crops yield, carried forward stocks, crops from other origin, demand and supply dynamics, future trends of consumption in domestic and international market, etc which are revealed helping them to strategize their business based on the crop survey report accompanied by networking and B2B opportunities amongst the who's who from the Spice and Agro trade.

Awarding Spice trade top performers for Domestic and Exports, farmers, young achievers, startups, Life time achievers

Theme of the year “Creating synergy between Farmers, Traders and Govt”

During Annual meet FISS award and recognise the top performers in Domestic and Exports trade, Young Achievers and start-ups, Felicitates veterans and stalwarts from the Spice trade with Life time Achievement award and Farmers for best agriculture practice, promoting cultivation of organic & Integrated Pest management (IPM) crops, etc

International Trade Meet in Dubai, UAE

Federation organised its first International Trade meet consisting of conference and gala dinner attended by 200+ delegates on 17th February 2024 at Dubai, UAE on the eve of the Gulf Food exhibition held from 19th to 24th February 2024. Federation provided a platform to explore new business opportunities, network with industry leaders from India & abroad, Foreign buyers, importers and help stay updated of the current and future trends. Federation plan to have several more such International trade meet in future for enhancing the spice export from India.

Federation esteemed members have a significant contribution to the exports of spices and spice products from India which was close to US\$ 4.46 BN during 2023-24.

The theme of the Federation for the year is “**Creating synergy between Farmers, Traders and Govt**”

Federation is led by Mr. Ashwin Nayak, Chairman, Mr. U Karthik, Co-Chairman and Mr. Tejus Gandhi, Honorary Secretary supported by the dynamic Board of Directors and Trustees representing the various facet from the Spice Trade across India.

Federation wishes many happy returns of the day to Shri Tejus Gandhi and Shri Vijay Joshi, Directors FISS on their birthday celebration

Federation is happy to announce that the prestigious Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry has partnered with Federation and have offered their complimentary membership to those who renew or register New membership of Federation up to 31.12.2023 giving them an opportunity to avail access to GCCI influential Network, super-charge business connect, stay informed about the industry trends and seize collaboration opportunities

Federation Newsletter ‘The Spice Aroma’ containing Domestic and International news of importance to the Spice trade is being send to our members, Govt Departments/ agencies, Indian & Foreign embassy among others for creating a wider presence of the Federation. ‘The Spice Aroma’ has attractive advertisement opportunities for members to promote their company and products.

Members are requested to renew their membership and continue enjoying the membership benefits offered by FISS and strengthen its collective power to make its voice heard at the corridor of power. Those who have already renewed may kindly ignore this message.

REVISED MEMBERSHIP FEE

- Membership fee is revised to Rs 9000/- + 18% GST for 3 years (For 2024, 2025 & 2026 upto 31.12.2026)
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We look forward for your comments, feedback, suggestions and articles / writeups related to Spices and Spices products which could be of interest to the Spice trade to be published in the forthcoming issues

“Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning” Bill Gates

Thanks for sharing your valuable time

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