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OPERATION SINDOOR



From the Chairman's desk

Dear Friends,

Greetings!

First of all, let me begin by saluting our armed forces for the grand success of “Operation Sindoor”. It was a befitting reply to the cowardly attack on the tourists on 22nd April, 2025. Our beloved Prime Minister's zero tolerance policy on terrorism was witnessed by the world on 07th May, 2025. The “Nation First” policy of the Govt. was in top gear not giving into any political pressure from the world. This is the New India. The India that we have been long dreaming of.

The month of May has been an eventful one. From Operation Sindoor, to Trump Tariffs, to the volatility of the Indian currency (swinging from around 85.75 to 83.80 in a matter of days) & the stock markets (plummeting and rising & again going down again and then rising on the success of operation Sindoor), and not to forget the IPL season. Two of India's greatest cricketers – Rohit Sharma & Virat Kohli announcing their retirement from test cricket. The void will take time to fill.

Apart from the above events, India & UK signed a historic Free Trade Agreement on 06th May, 2025. This is likely to boost India-UK trade and hopefully reduce the barriers to trade in goods. India has been a victim of Non-tariff barriers, and we have been in constant touch with the commerce ministry to find an amicable solution to this.

Rains in several parts of the country during the first half of May hampered various crops. However, the meteorological deptt. Has predicted a good monsoon this year. Let's pray to God for the farmers to receive timely and sufficient rainfall.

In the coming days we shall be planning various webinars and seminars for the benefit of the trade. We addressed the GACC registration process issue with Spices Board. And with continuous follow up, I am glad to report that some exporters received their registrations without much waiting period. We have also written to FSSAI to exempt recall of spices from the tedious process of testing as the goods are meant for re-export. We are hoping for a favourable reply soon. We have also requested Spices Board for special incentives for exports of IPM & Organic products, as exporters are suffering huge losses on recall of goods due to variation in laboratory testing results. We have also pitched for special incentives for New market development, as exporters will have to look towards newer markets in the wake of uncertain Tariffs regime.

We are constantly trying to improve the quality of our newsletters and we always welcome positive suggestions from the trade.

We always work for a better tomorrow. But, when tomorrow comes, instead of enjoying, we again think of a better tomorrow. Let's live better Today.

With best wishes

Tejus Gandhi, Chairman,

Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders

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Theme of the year “Soil to Soul Connecting the Spice Industry”
SEED SPICE EXPORT QUANTITY FEB & MARCH 2025

Export Data in Metric Ton	Jan-22	Jan-23	Jan-24	Jan- 25
Cumin seed	13,428.59	8,049.17	13,231.19	18203.64
Fennel Seed	1,468.66	2,167.91	3,752.14	4935.61
Coriander	2,461.90	3,548.63	6,225.32	5786.13
Fenugreek seeds	2,097.54	2,094.80	2,201.91	4224.53
	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24	Feb- 25
Cumin seed	12,620.09	11,362.19	11882.46	14093.56
Fennel Seed	2,561.75	951.47	1990.59	2497.28
Coriander	2,249.89	3,637.07	6577.43	5434.17
Fenugreek seeds	1,921.46	2,075.10	3691.74	3944.87
	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Mar- 25
Cumin seed	13,406.43	18,552.11	33250.41	18737.32
Fennel Seed	1,580.99	938.64	1882.75	1999.82
Coriander	3,076.23	11,477.52	8289.76	5493.32
Fenugreek seeds	2,408.14	1,879.40	3682.4	4664.19
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	
Cumin seed	9,561.19	16281.87	39182.42	
Fennel Seed	1,971.89	6388.14	13396.75	
Coriander	3,124.17	10300.26	6054.49	
Fenugreek seeds	3,886.70	2272.85	3562.39	
	May-22	May-23	May-24	
Cumin seed	13,372.75	24,794.40	22280.95	
Fennel Seed	3,042.27	9,832.53	9574.92	
Coriander	3,047.77	24,389.01	5492.14	
Fenugreek seeds	3,777.38	3,848.12	4202.87	
	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	
Cumin seed	19,534.38	10,411.13	16624.46	
Fennel Seed	1,980.97	1,974.74	11044.09	
Coriander	2,427.04	12,240.90	5482.71	
Fenugreek seeds	3,330.71	1,702.06	4174.30	
	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	
Cumin seed	19,096.00	8,297.80	19082.13	
Fennel Seed	1,474.77	1,153.54	7628.22	
Coriander	2,267.78	10,473.45	4383.43	
Fenugreek seeds	3,291.27	2,375.79	2430.88	
	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24	
Cumin seed	23,477.82	8,081.60	14,496.15	
Fennel Seed	1,551.81	1,229.95	4,543.50	
Coriander	2,561.56	7,473.44	4,120.03	
Fenugreek seeds	3,031.30	2,071.68	4,109.93	
	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24	
Cumin seed	17,154.81	7190.83	16973.75	
Fennel Seed	1,181.65	1395.47	6922.64	
Coriander	2,463.62	4810.78	4465.92	
Fenugreek seeds	2,698.96	1408.17	2869.85	
	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24	
Cumin seed	11,700.55	7505.53	18081.38	
Fennel Seed	1,188.55	1739.44	6643.85	
Coriander	2,040.81	4916.84	4694.56	
Fenugreek seeds	2,496.36	2498.75	3779.03	
	Nov-22	Nov-23	Nov-24	
Cumin seed	10,503.69	9026.95	12643.53	
Fennel Seed	1,640.76	2573.95	3156.14	
Coriander	2,350.66	4197.41	3949.11	
Fenugreek seeds	2,145.53	2059.68	2901.79	
	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	
Cumin seed	11,794.50	13,403.06	19645.18	
Fennel Seed	1,773.95	5,274.30	4524.19	
Coriander	3,478.78	6,485.56	5295.02	
Fenugreek seeds	1,860.29	2,729.71	3613.57	

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

India surpasses Japan as the 4th Largest Economy in the World



India has surpassed Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy. NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam said, India is now poised to displace Germany from the third rank in the next 2.5 to 3 years. Briefing the media after tenth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi, he said India is now a 'four trillion dollar' economy as per the IMF data. He said, it's only the United States, China, and Germany's economies which are larger than India.

The IMF in its recent report has said that India will remain the world's fastest-growing major economy. The IMF had stated earlier this month in the World Economic Outlook report that India continues to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy and the only country expected to clock over 6 per cent growth in the next two years. According to the IMF, India's GDP currently stands at 4.3 trillion dollar. India's GDP was 2.1 trillion dollar in 2015, since then, the country has more than doubled its economy. According to the report, the high rate of growth will see India's GDP increasing to 5.5 trillion dollar in 2028 overtaking Germany to become the third-largest economy.

India's economy grew by faster-than-expected 7.4% in the March quarter

India's economy expanded at a faster-than-expected annual rate of 7.4% in the quarter ended in March, despite mounting global economic uncertainty. The gross domestic product of the fourth quarter of the government's fiscal year 2025 came in sharply higher than the 6.7% growth forecast by economists in a Reuters poll.

That marked the strongest quarterly growth in the fiscal year of 2025. India's economy expanded by 6.5% in the full fiscal 2025 year, in line with the [government's February estimate](#).

Key Highlights:

- Real GDP has been estimated to grow by 6.5% in FY 2024-25. Nominal GDP has witnessed a growth rate of 9.8% in FY 2024-25.
- In Q4 of FY 2024-25, Real GDP and Nominal GDP has been estimated to grow by 7.4% and 10.8% respectively.
- 'Construction' sector is estimated to record a growth rate of 9.4% in FY 2024-25, followed by 8.9% growth rate in 'Public Administration, Defence & Other Services' sector and 7.2% growth rate in 'Financial, Real Estate & Professional Services' sector.
- During Q4 of FY 2024-25, 'Construction' sector has witnessed 10.8% growth rate, followed by 8.7% growth rate in 'Public Administration, Defence & Other Services' sector and 7.8% growth rate in 'Financial, Real Estate & Professional Services' sector.
- Primary Sector has seen 4.4% growth rate as compared to growth rate of 2.7% observed in previous financial year. During Q4, FY 2024-25, this sector has observed 5.0% growth rate as compared to 0.8% growth rate in Q4 of previous financial year.
- Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) has reported 7.2% growth rate during FY 2024-25 as compared to 5.6% growth rate in the previous financial year.
- Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) has recorded 7.1% growth rate during FY 2024-25 and 9.4% growth rate in Q4, FY 2024-25.

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Drive into Unjha, a dusty little town in northern Gujarat, and your senses immediately awaken to what the ledgers have confirmed — this is no ordinary place. The air here is thick with exotic aromas, a sensory preview of Unjha's economic prowess. This modest town of just 57,000 people quietly runs a global spice empire, where centuries-old trading practices meet modern international commerce.

The Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) of Unjha commands the trade of cumin, pectin, fennel, coriander, fenugreek from India — spices that lend their distinctive flavors to cuisines worldwide. From the homely comfort of Indian kadhi and chana masala to Middle Eastern delicacies like shakshuka, falafel and zaatar-spiced breads, Unjha's influence stretches across dining tables globally.

At a time when businesses worldwide struggle against tariff battles and supply chain disruptions, Unjha's market yards tell a different story — one of remarkable resilience and growing prosperity.

Jeera Juggernaut

India has long been the world's leading cultivator and exporter of cumin seed (jeera), with Gujarat and Rajasthan dominating production. According to the Federation of Indian Spices Stakeholders (FISS), Gujarat is expected to produce around 2.5 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of jeera this season, while Rajasthan's yield will be approximately 2.9 lakh MT.

At the heart of this trade network sits Unjha, Gujarat's undisputed spice capital. What's remarkable is how India has transformed from being merely a major player to becoming the definitive leader in global cumin production. This shift began amid conflict and tensions. In traditional cumin-producing regions like Iran, Iraq and Syria. That dramatically reduced their output and forced buyers to seek alternative sources. Trouble along the Red Sea shipping route due to Middle East conflicts have further shifted buyers away from suppliers in the region towards India.

Adverse weather conditions in Syria and Turkey have affected cumin production this season. And conflicts in the region have added to trade disruptions, making it difficult to source cumin. This year, India is the only stable supplier for the world," said Ashwin Nayak, founder-chairman, FISS.

While India's cumin production for the current season, at 5.4 lakh MT, shows a slight dip — due to erratic weather conditions — from last year's 6.1 lakh MT, the addition of 0.8 to 1.1 lakh MT of carryover stock ensures robust availability.

Exports from India continue to soar. In the 2023-24 season, India shipped out 2.3 lakh MT of cumin, perfectly matching the 2.5 lakh MT consumed domestically. With demand remaining strong in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, Unjha's traders are confidently

From Cumin To Isabgol, Unjha Is A Small Town With An Outsized Hold On India's Spice And Herb Trade, Ensuring Stable Supplies Globally And Reaping Rich Rewards Amid Conflict In Traditional Hubs

How this Guj town is spicing up the world



Spread across 36 acres, India's largest spice market



working towards another record year.

"The US is not a major market for Indian cumin and, therefore, tariff conflicts are less likely to affect the business. Even though orders from China have slowed this year, traders in Unjha are benefiting from strong demand elsewhere. The fact that India remains the only supplier is working in its favour," Nayak explained.

Wholesome Economics

Around the last week of April, the spot price in Unjha was Rs 22,000 per quintal, down from last year's high of Rs 33,500 and significantly lower than the

peak of Rs 32,000 per quintal in 2022.

Historically, the price has hovered around Rs 16,000 to Rs 20,000 per quintal, according to Union Agriculture ministry data. Despite a bumper harvest, export demand and careful market management have kept prices from falling further. Premium Singapore-quality cumin now trades at around Rs 25,000 per quintal.

The allure of better pricing has led to a dramatic expansion of cumin cultivation in Gujarat. From about 2.8 lakh hectares in the 2022-23 season, the area under cumin cultivation doubled to 5.6 lakh hectares in 2023-24. Though it slightly decreased to 4.8 lakh hectares in 2024-25, cumin remains the crop of choice



1 Lakh Bags

handled daily (about 5,500 metric tonnes) together at the Unjha APAC, making it among the largest spice markets in Asia

10,000

migrant laborers employed in the town that has about 1,000 warehouses

₹7,405Cr

Turnover of Unjha APAC in FY24

for many farmers, surpassing seeds like fennel and coriander, which have seen a big drop in acreage.

According to data from the department of agriculture in Gujarat, coriander acreage fell by an astonishing 94.2% in 2023-24 as farmers shifted to more profitable crops like cumin.

A Market Built On Trust

Unjha's role in this thriving trade ecosystem extends far beyond mere volume. As the heart of India's cumin commerce, the town has not only anchored the supply chain but also defined standards of quality and transparency that have earned global trust.

Its APAC, occupying a sprawling 36-acre compound, operates under the principle of "open auction, proper weighing, and cash payment" — values that have built credibility with international buyers. Strategically positioned along the Ahmedabad-Delhi railway line and highway, the town enjoys ideal logistics for its global operations. With over 100 cumin brands traded here, Unjha continues to serve as the nerve centre of India's and the world's jeera economy.

Isabgol Revolution

If jeera is the bold, aromatic face of Unjha's spice trade, then isabgol (psyllium

husk) is the quiet achiever working behind the scenes, helping you digest those spices better. Derived from the seeds of *Plantago ovata*, isabgol is prized globally for its digestive and dietary fibre properties. Unjha sits at the epicentre of growing global demand for this once largely pharmaceutical ingredient.

While isabgol is predominantly cultivated in Rajasthan, followed by Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, virtually all processing takes place in Unjha before it reaches markets worldwide. In 2023, the total production across India is estimated to touch an impressive 2.4 lakh MT, Rajasthan leads with 2 lakh MT, followed by Gujarat with 18,000 MT.

From Pharmacy To Eateries

Traditionally a pharmaceutical staple known for soothing irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and other digestive issues, isabgol has recently undergone a remarkable market transformation. With increased awareness of its health benefits, particularly its exceptional fibre content, isabgol has secured a prominent place in the food industry.

"The rise of health-conscious consumers has boosted demand. Earlier, it was exclusively for pharmaceuticals. Now, local bakeries and food brands are increasingly using isabgol," said a local source involved in its processing. The market shift has incentivised producers, who can now fetch higher prices for isabgol in the food sector, further encouraging growers to increase production.

Of the total production, approximately 25% is consumed locally, while the remaining 80% is exported, with the US accounting for half of all exports. The export value of isabgol alone is estimated at Rs 1,500 crore, while the combined domestic and international turnover is close to Rs 5,000 crore. The product is now reaching markets in the US, Europe, Middle East, Korea, China and Russia.

"Despite concerns over the imposition of a 25% tariff on isabgol exports to the US, Unjha's key exporter states has kept the market stable. We remain the only global supplier — buyers simply won't shut out more to buy it from other countries," the local source added.

The surging demand for isabgol in the food sector has spurred increased cultivation, especially in Gujarat and Rajasthan. As of 2023, Gujarat alone accounts for 27,000 hectares of isabgol cultivation. Growing acreage and improved market prices have made isabgol an increasingly attractive crop for farmers, evidenced by a current cropping area that is 142.7% higher than the three-year average.

"Local processing units have transformed this region into an isabgol hub," says Sitaram Patel, a trader with over 45 years' presence in the market. Unjha is home to 60-70 highly mechanised processing units. Of these, 60-65 units focus solely on isabgol, cementing its status as the global centre for isabgol production and processing. "We export to pharmaceutical firms worldwide, especially in the US. With rising health awareness, demand continues to grow," Patel said.

Rail movement from Unjha to Mundra.



Adani Rail & Logistics had held a meeting at AMPC, Unjha with regards to the Rail movement from Unjha to Mundra. They have offered a special rate of Rs. 35,500/40ft from Unjha to Mundra by rail, with freight forwarding to be done by them. On regular basis they offer 37,000/40ft. Members of the FISS and others attended this meeting



VOICE OF THE TRADE

FISSH should take a lead to write both Commerce Minister as well to Commerce Secretary stating that the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry as well Director Plantations are having multiple responsibilities with Several Export Promotion Board.

To facilitate and enable to concentrate on each Board properly Government should appoint Veteran knowledgeable person as an Advisor to such Joint Secretary and Plantations Director so that results can be achieved and there won't be any unresolved issue which are hurting smooth Business.

Yogesh Mehta

Following points proposed by Shri U Karthik, Co-Chairman, FISS during online meeting with Spice board secretary and their team on 15th May 25

1. Extension of Production linked incentive scheme to Value added Innovative spices and Spice mixes especially IPM grade (Pesticide residue within allowable country limits) and Organic grade spices.
2. ☐Extend Subsidy for New Processing units of spices with 33% of the investment in machineries at par with the TIIPS scheme on upgradation of existing units with advanced machines / latest technologies.
3. ☐Special fund / scheme shall be initiated for developing an R&D facility to focus on Innovation in New product development and high value addition.
4. ☐To achieve 10 billion USD of Spices exports with Seed spices contributing high forex returns in recent years- Special Cell or Seed Spices promotion Board / Scheme shall be developed with board members handpicked from the industry.
5. ☐High precision quality analysis laboratory to be identified with international recognition and the Pesticide residue, PA and MOAH/MOSH testing shall be carried out in India and the results should be recognised by all the importing countries.

U Karthik, Co-Chairman, FISS

The spice industry continues to face ambiguity regarding Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for pesticides in the domestic Indian market. There is an urgent need for clarity from both FSSAI and the Spices Board on key concerns:

What will be the acceptable MRL standards for spices sold within India?

How will product testing be carried out, and which agencies will be authorized to issue certification?

Additionally, stakeholders are seeking guidance on whether terms like “IPM” (Integrated Pest Management) can be legally and transparently declared on retail packaging.

Clear, actionable directives on these fronts are essential for ensuring both compliance and consumer trust, while empowering Indian spice processors and farmers to operate with confidence in the domestic market.

Hardhik Shah, Sangli

SPICED Scheme for the Financial Year 2025-26

The Spices Board has announced the launch of the “Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)” scheme for the financial year 2025–26.

The scheme offers financial assistance across various components, aiming to enhance sustainability, foster innovation, and promote export development in the Indian [spices](#) sector. Online applications will open on May 26.

The scheme aims to enhance the productivity of small and large cardamom, improve the quality of post-harvest processes, and encourage the production and export of value-added, GI-tagged, and organic spices. It is also focused on enabling compliance with global food safety and phytosanitary standards and boosting the capacity of stakeholders across the value chain.

Spice exporters can apply under the scheme’s export development and promotion components until June 30, while farmers and [Farmer Producer Organizations \(FPOs\)](#) can submit applications under development components in other categories until September 30.

The scheme offers support for activities such as replanting and rejuvenation of cardamom plantations, development of water resources, micro-irrigation, promotion of organic farming, and expansion of good agricultural practices (GAP). In addition, it supports the installation of improved post-harvest infrastructure, such as modern dryers, slicers, dehullers, and grading machines to ensure superior product quality.

The scheme provides financial assistance to farmers and FPOs to procure essential post-harvest machines such as spice polishers, turmeric boilers, mint distillation units, and threshing machines.

In export development and promotion, the scheme assists in participating in international trade fairs, buyer-seller meets, and other market linkage programs. Special emphasis is given to supporting first-time exporters and small businesses, enabling them to showcase Indian spices in global markets.

Key Objectives:

- **Boost spice exports:** The scheme aims to increase the overall export value of Indian spices.
- **Improve cardamom productivity:** It focuses on enhancing the productivity of both small and large cardamom.
- **Enhance post-harvest quality:** The scheme supports modernizing post-harvest practices to improve the quality of spices.
- **Promote value addition:** It encourages the production and export of value-added spices, including GI-tagged and organic spices.
- **Ensure compliance:** The scheme helps in ensuring compliance with global food safety and phytosanitary standards.
- **Strengthen stakeholder capacity:** It supports capacity building and skill development of all stakeholders in the spice value chain.

For more details

https://www.indianspices.com/box5_programmes_schemes.html

Spice Market May 2025 Review: Dhaniya, Turmeric, and Jeera Prices Dip Amid Crop Surge, Quality Issues, and Export Challenges – Kedia Advisory Services

Dhaniya Prices Drop Over 4% in May as Crop Estimates Rise, Exports Crash by 52% YoY

- Revised crop estimates increased to 110 lakh bags due to better yields.
- Coriander exports fell sharply by 52% to 42,829 MT YoY.
- Moisture-hit arrivals in Neemuch, Kota lowered mandi price averages.
- Bulk procurement weakened due to poor global and domestic buying sentiment.
- All-India arrivals dropped 64.5% MoM, yet couldn't support prices fully.

In May 2025, Dhaniya prices witnessed a decline of over 4%, weighed down by multiple bearish fundamentals. Prices came under pressure following the revised crop estimates, which showed a notable improvement over earlier expectations. Initial projections pegged the 2025 coriander crop at around 94–95 lakh bags, but due to favourable weather conditions during the flowering and pod-setting stages, yields improved substantially, pushing the expected output to nearly 110 lakh bags, in line with last year's harvest. This news triggered a sentiment-driven correction in prices.

Further compounding the decline was the drastic fall in coriander exports. According to the Spices Board of India, India exported only 42,829 metric tonnes (MT) of coriander during April–February 2024–25, marking a 52% decline compared to 89,153 MT in the same period last year. Although month-on-month (MoM) exports inched up by 1% to 4,468 MT, the overall sentiment remained weak, especially due to declining demand from West Asian and Southeast Asian markets. Bulk procurement was subdued, and domestic traders adopted a wait-and-watch approach, awaiting clarity on export revival.

Quality concerns also played a significant role in depressing prices. In key mandis like Neemuch and Kota, arrivals during mid-May reported moisture-related issues caused by unseasonal rains during the harvest period. As a result, sub-standard produce fetched lower realizations, dragging the mandi averages lower. However, top-grade coriander maintained price stability, with Kota mandi quoting ₹1,320/quintal as of May 21, 2025, supported by steady local demand and limited carryover stocks from the previous season.

Interestingly, despite weak sentiment, total all-India arrivals in May dropped significantly to 21,055.83 MT, down from 59,397.65 MT in April. This sharp drop in supply created a short-term cushion that helped prevent a deeper price fall. On the structural side, some long-term positives are emerging. The cold storage infrastructure at spice parks in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh is being expanded, with an additional 2,000 MT capacity expected by July 2025. Furthermore, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched a ₹25 crore SFURTI initiative to boost organic and value-added coriander exports, offering policy support for the sector.

Technically, Dhaniya futures appear to have found support at lower levels. Traders may consider buying near ₹6,950, with a stop-loss at ₹6,650 and an upside target of ₹7,600, as reduced arrivals and strong policy backing could support a gradual price recovery.

Turmeric Prices Drop Over 2.5% as Sowing Outlook Improves and Supply Surges Across Key Mandis

- Turmeric prices fell 2.51% from May highs amid strong technical rejection.
- Early monsoon boosted sowing momentum; acreage may rise 15–18% YoY.
- Major states report aggressive sowing; farmers attracted by firm price trends.
- Arrivals from Sangli, Warangal, and Nizamabad kept supply chain strong.
- Quality concerns due to rains pressured prices in Telangana and Maharashtra.
- Monthly turmeric exports rose 6.5% to 12,538 MT in May 2025.

Turmeric prices declined by 2.51% in May 2025, slipping from a high of ₹14,942/quintal on May 19 to around ₹13,600/quintal by month-end, primarily due to technical resistance near the ₹15,000 level and increased arrivals from key producing regions. Despite firm underlying demand, traders booked profits and turned cautious amid signs of supply improvement and deteriorating quality in some lots.

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A key driver of this correction was the early onset of the monsoon, which triggered active sowing in major turmeric-growing states including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. Preliminary discussions with farmers, traders, and seed companies suggest a 15–18% increase in sowing area compared to last year. However, a clearer picture will emerge by mid- to late June.

Meanwhile, supply conditions remained active. In Sangli, about 90% of the new crop has already arrived, while Warangal and Nizamabad continued to receive steady inflows. According to Agmark, May turmeric arrivals stood at 27,708 quintals, down from 45,040 quintals in April, yet sufficient to keep mandi activity strong. However, arrivals in Nanded and Telangana faced quality issues due to unseasonal rains and water-logging, resulting in smaller bulbs and low curcumin content, putting pressure on substandard lots.

On the positive side, monthly turmeric exports rose 6.5% to 12,538 MT in May, while cumulative exports between April–Feb 2024–25 reached 161,230 MT, up 11.5% YoY, supported by demand from the UAE, USA, and Japan. The sector also remains upbeat about the upcoming National Turmeric Board, which aims to double production to 20 lakh tonnes in five years.

Outlook

Prices may stay range-bound in June as arrivals peak and acreage estimates stabilize. Technically, buying is advised near ₹13,800 with a target of ₹14,800 / ₹15,400 and stop-loss at ₹13,100, supported by steady exports, strong retail demand, and structural reforms.

Jeera Prices Drop Over 6% in May Amid High Stocks, Quality Concerns, and Weak Chinese Demand

- Jeera prices declined 6% in May as arrivals pressured spot markets.
- Farmers holding stocks amid hopes of better off-season prices ahead.
- China reduced cumin imports, weakening demand in Indian mandis.
- May arrivals fell to 25,751 MT, down 62% from April levels.
- Rain-damaged, low-quality arrivals further pulled down mandi price realizations.
- Cumulative jeera exports rose 60% YoY to 195,164 MT during Apr–Feb FY25.

Jeera prices declined over 6% in May 2025, reversing from earlier gains as arrivals surged during peak harvest in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Prices saw pressure despite a slight decline in this year's production, mainly due to large carry-forward stocks and cautious demand from both local and export markets. According to Agmark, all-India jeera arrivals fell sharply to 25,751 MT in May, down from 67,972 MT in April. However, despite this drop, mandi prices remained under pressure due to influx of rain-damaged and delayed crops, especially in Unjha and Rajasthan, where quality-related issues such as discoloration and moisture affected buyer interest. In Unjha, medium-grade jeera traded between ₹21,200–₹22,200, while premium grades in Rajasthan struggled to hold above ₹23,000. Farmers reportedly withheld better quality stock, hoping for higher prices during the off-season, limiting fresh supply.

While in global market, India's export performance remained strong, with jeera exports rising 60% YoY to 195,164 MT between April–February 2024–25, according to the Spices Board of India. However, February exports dipped 24% MoM, likely due to logistics disruptions or a lack of premium stock. The biggest drag came from China, which continued to delay imports, weakening momentum in local markets. In contrast, steady demand from Bangladesh, UAE, and Vietnam partially supported trade, while demand for GI-tagged Unjha Jeera is rising in European and U.S. markets, albeit from a low base.

Looking ahead, June / July 2025 will be a key turning point, as China's expected production shortfall could revive export demand for Indian cumin. Until then, prices may remain volatile as markets balance current supply with uncertain global demand.

Jeera futures are forming a base near ₹20,500. Traders can consider buying with a stop-loss at ₹19,600 and target of ₹21,500, supported by expected global demand recovery.

The Spices & Seasonings Market

The Spices & Seasonings Market was valued at USD 24.51 Billion in 2024, and is projected to reach USD 34.17 Billion by 2030, rising at a CAGR of 5.69% according to Research and Markets.com

India's share in global seasoning market a paltry 0.7% despite being world's largest producer of spices. Regardless of being the largest producer and exporter of diverse varieties of spices in the world, India's share in the global seasoning market, pegged at \$14 billion in 2024, is only a paltry 0.7%, against China's 12% and U.S.A.'s 11% according to Mr Ram Menon Chairman WSO

He added India must increase spice production, grow export volumes, seriously focus on value addition to boost price premium in the global market for it to meet the export target of \$10 billion by 2030' the country's share in value-added spices should rise up to 70%. Currently only 48% of India's spice exports were value-added products while the remaining bulk hits the markets as culinary whole spices. he opined.

India currently exports 1.5 million tonnes of spices of all kinds worth \$4.5 billion, commanding a quarter of the global spice market valued at \$20 billion.

REPORT ON PEPPER – YOGESH MEHTA

**Sri Lanka starts 2025 with rising pepper exports, Sri Lanka's pepper exports increased by 76% y/y
India's pepper exports rose by 5% y/y, Main suppliers to India: Sri Lanka and Indonesia**

Sri Lankan pepper exports reached a record of 1,790 metric tons, 76% more year-on-year (y/y), valued at \$13.8 million (+105% y/y), in January 2025, still selling its 2024 production. India was the main purchaser (93% of the total volume).

India's pepper exports rose by 5% year-on-year in volume to 1,860 metric tons and by 33% y/y in value to \$12.2 million in January 2025. Crushed and ground pepper accounted for 51% of the volume.

The main importers of the whole product were the US, Russia and Sweden, accounting for 45%, 15% and 12%, respectively. Meanwhile, the main importers of crushed and ground products were the US, Philippines and Canada, taking 61%, 5% and 4%, respectively.

Indian pepper imports rose by 31% y/y to 3,490 metric tons in January 2025 (whole product, 99% of the total). The main suppliers were Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Vietnam, accounting for 47%, 20% and 14%, respectively.

Vietnam and Brazil closed Q1 with different pepper export trends

Vietnam's international sales fell by 17% year-on-year (y/y) in volume to 47,260 metric tons but rose by 13% y/y in value to \$324.6 million in Q1 2025. The main importers were the US, Germany and India, accounting for 23%, 9% and 7%, respectively.

Prices for Vietnamese black pepper faq min. 500 grams/liter averaged \$7,500/metric ton CIF NW Europe in March, up from \$7,200/metric ton in February and 47% more y/y. White pepper 550 gram/liter averaged \$10,500/metric ton in March, in March and 54% more y/y.

Brazil

Brazil's pepper exports increased by 26% y/y in volume to 23,080 metric tons valued at \$145.4 million, 26% more y/y in volume and 130% more in value. The main importers were Vietnam (8,510 metric tons, +125% y/y), the UAE (1,950 metric tons, +4% y/y) and Senegal (1,789 metric tons, +44% y/y).

Brazilian black pepper grade 1 was quoted at \$8,000/t in March, according to S&P Global Commodity Insights, up from \$7,625/metric ton in February 2025 and 63% more y/y.



Coriander technical report:

Weekly technical chart:



Technical view:

Coriander (Dhaniya) prices fell fourth consecutive month on the NCDEX and June contract is closed at Rs7058 per quintal. Coriander prices are in downward trend since January 2025 from the high of Rs8,694 and it made a low of Rs6,780. Coriander prices holds its key support level of Rs6,770 on monthly closing basis. Coriander is formed a **“hammer candlestick pattern”** on the weekly technical chart and indicating a reversal of current bearish trend in the prices. Coriander is trading below its moving average trend line levels of Rs73,44 but RSI is giving signal for reversal of current bearish trend. Based on the technical and its current technical setup it is expected to hold its key support level of Rs6,770 in the short term and potentially test its resistance level of Rs7,400-7,700 in the short to medium-term. As per the Fibonacci series if prices show 50% retracement of current downfall of Rs1,914 (Rs8,684-Rs6,780) then it also comes around Rs7,737 (Rs6,780+Rs957). We suggest accumulation in the coriander in the price zone of Rs7,040-6,900 with a stop loss of Rs6,760 on a daily closing basis for the upside target price of Rs7,400-7,700.

Jeera technical report:

Daily technical chart:

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Jeera Futures, India, NCDEX:NJEC1, D



Technical view:

Jeera prices fell more than 30% in last one year, prices fell from its May 2024 high of Rs30,465 to Rs19,905 made in February 2025. Jeera is trading in a narrow range from last three months and holding its key support level of Rs19,800 on a monthly closing basis. Jeera prices are in highly oversold zone on monthly and weekly technical chart and giving indication of reversal of bearish trend on the daily technical chart. Jeera prices closed above Rs21,000 on NCDEX and breach its psychological level of Rs21,000 on closing basis. Looking to the technical setup and its daily technical chart we expect jeera prices could show some short coverings and bargain buying in the upcoming sessions and prices likely to hold its key support level of Rs19,800 on NCDEX in the short term. Jeera prices could test its immediate resistance of Rs21,770-22,500 once again in the short term. We suggest buying in the jeera futures contract on NCDEX in the prices range of Rs21,000-20,500 with a stop loss of Rs19,800 on a daily closing basis for the upside target of Rs21,770-22,500.

Turmeric technical report:

Daily technical chart:

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Turmeric Futures, India, NCDEX:NTMc1, D



Technical view:

Turmeric is one of the top traded spices in the spices complex last year and shows highest volatility among other spices listed on the NCDEX. Turmeric prices slipped from its peak level of Rs20,430 made in the month of May 2024 and slipped to its lowest level of Rs11,138 in the month of February 2025. Turmeric prices fell nearly 45% from its last year's peak before its reversed in the month of February. Turmeric is trading in a range of Rs13,000-15,000 from last two months and holding its downside support levels. On the daily technical chart it is forming a “W” pattern and indicating strength in the prices in the short to medium term. On the daily technical chart RSI is fetching above 50 levels and which is also supporting the trend but simple moving average is showing negative crossover and it's a cause of concern for upside momentum. Looking to the technical setup of turmeric and based on technical parameters we expect turmeric could hold its support level of Rs12,900 in the short to medium term and prices could test its resistance level of Rs15,150-15,800 in the short term. We suggest buying turmeric futures contract around Rs14,000-13,600 with a stop loss of Rs12,900 on a daily closing basis for the target of Rs15,150-15,600.

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Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL)

The Vizhinjam International Seaport, India’s first deep-water transshipment hub, marks the beginning of a new era for Asia’s sea trade and positions the country for greater trade engagement across Asia. The strategically located port offers advanced automation, deep-sea access, and strong connectivity.

Officially inaugurated on May 2, 2025, Vizhinjam seaport is expected to play a vital role in enhancing India’s global trade presence. It aims to improve logistics performance, reduce dependence on international ports for transshipment, and increase efficiency in cargo handling.

Key features of the Vizhinjam International Seaport



Public-private partnership model

Vizhinjam International Seaport, also known as Trivandrum Port, has been developed through a public-private partnership (PPP) between Adani Ports and the Kerala state government. The total cost of the project is approximately INR 88.67 billion (US\$1.05 billion), with Kerala contributing over INR 55.95 billion (US\$663.93 million).

The project was allotted to APSEZ by the state government in 2015 for a concession period of 40 years. The construction of all the phases of the port is expected to be completed by 2028 and become fully operational from 2034.

Strategic global location

Positioned just 10 nautical miles from the east-west international shipping corridor, Vizhinjam port offers direct access to one of the busiest maritime trade routes in the world. Its proximity to Europe-Middle East-Asia (EMEA) lanes makes it a preferred port for global carriers, significantly reducing detour time and fuel costs.

Robust multimodal connectivity

The port’s infrastructure design incorporates rail and road connectivity, including a planned railway tunnel, which is expected to boost inland cargo movement and cut transit time across the southern part of the country.

IMPORT REJECTIONS IN SPICES FROM EU AND USA APRIL 2025

(Extracted for India)

RASFF Import Refusal (in Spices)- April 2025

Total Rejections 30

Most no: import rejections reported from India (6)

Spice with the highest number of rejections Cumin (7)

Reason for the most no of rejections Presence of pesticide residues (9)

USFDA Import Rejection (in Spices)- April 2025

Total Rejections 38

Most no: import rejections reported from India (14)

Spice with the highest number of rejections: Spice mix (18), Black pepper (12)

Reason for the most no: of rejections Presence of salmonella (13)

RASFF Alerts

Sl. No	Commodity	Origin	Reason for Rejection
12	Cumin (whole)	India	Presence Of Azoxystrobin, Acetamiprid, Car-bendazim, Chlorpyrifos-Ethyl, Clothianidin, Di-notefuran, Fluxapyroxad, Hexaconazole Unau- thorised Substance, Imidacloprid, Propiconazole, Pyraclostrobin, Thiamethoxam, Tolfenpyrad, Tricyclazole Unauthorised Substance
13	Ground cumin	India	Presence Of Azoxystrobin, Acetamiprid, Car-bendazim, Chlorpyrifos-Ethyl, Clothianidin, Di-notefuran, Fipronil Unauthorised Substance, Hex- aconazole Unauthorised Substance, Kresoxim-Me- thyl, Metalaxyl, Picoxystrobin Unauthorised Substance, Thiamethoxam, Tolfenpyrad, Tricyclazole Unauthorised Substance
14	Cumin seeds	India	Presence Of Acetamiprid, Chlorpyrifos, Clothianidin, Imidacloprid, Propiconazole, Thiameth- oxam, Tolfenpyrad
15	Cumin (whole)	India	Presence Of Acetamiprid, Carbofuran, Chlorpyrifos-Ethyl, Fipronil Unauthorised Substance, Hexaconazole Unauthorised Sub- stance, Imidacloprid, Picoxystrobin Unau- thorised Substance, Propiconazole, Thiamethoxam, Tolfenpyrad
16	Cumin	India	Presence of chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance
17	Organic chili	India, Italy	Presence of Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total

USFDA Alerts

Sl. No:	Product	Origin	Reason for Rejection	FDA Sample Analysis
10	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
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
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13	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.	Private Lab Sample Analysis
14	Pepper, Black, 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. It appears to contain salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
15	Pepper, Black, Ground, Cracked (Spice)	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
16	Mixed Spice And Seasonings, Without Salt, N.E.C.	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
17	Mixed Spice And Seasonings, Without Salt, N.E.C.	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
18	Mixed Spice And Seasonings, Without Salt, N.E.C.	India	It appears to contain Salmonella, a poisonous and deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health.	No
19	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.	No

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20	Pepper, Black, 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.	No
21	Mixed Spice And Seasonings, Without Salt, N.E.C.	India	It appears that the label fails to declare all major food allergens present in the product it is fabricated from two or more ingredients and the label fails to bear the common or usual name of each such ingredient and/or the article purports to be a beverage containing vegetable or fruit juice, but does not bear a statement with appropriate prominence on the information panel of the total percentage of such fruit or vegetable juice contained in the food. It appears to be misbranded in that the label or labeling fails to bear the required nutrition information.	No
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23	Capsicums (Cayenne Chili, Hot Peppers), Whole (Spice)	India	It appears to bear or contain a pesticide chemical residue, which causes the article to be adulterated	FDA Sample Analysis

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

Data Courtesy: Yogesh Mehta

21.5.25

Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS.
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Dear Sir,

Greetings from Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders, Unjha Gujarat

Sub: Re-Export of Spices, Sesame seeds, Oilseeds and Agriculture Products

This has reference to our earlier representation on Re-Export of Spices, Sesame seeds, Oilseeds and Agriculture Products and for exemption of FSSAI norms on such Re-export

At present there are 2 types of Bill of Entry

1. Ware house Bill of entry where the goods are re-exported in the Custom Bonded warehouse for which FSSAI clearance is not required
2. Normal Bill of Entry where the goods are allowed to be taken to the processing facility for reprocessing and repacking here FSSAI clearance is required.

Sir, Organic and IPM spices and agro products which has passed Testing at the origin sometimes fails test at the destination due to variation in testing parameters, under such circumstance's goods are to be recalled for re-processing, repacking and then exported. The Organic and IPM spices and agro products are sourced at a very premium rates in the market and it will not be feasible to sell the same in Indian market and the exporter will suffer huge loss and they do get the premium in domestic market

Spice Board evaluates the recall of Re-export and then only they issue the NOC for the same. Therefore the NoC from Spice Board may be kindly acceptable as a trust certificate by FSSAI and Exporters whose products are re-exported may be allowed to maintain separate stock, record and details of such Re-import and Re-export for smooth compliance by the exporters and make the process easier.

Sir, Kindly grant us permission to meet your personally to put forward our above submission for the larger interest of the Spice and Agro trade and its stakeholders who are competing with other origins to sustain our market share in international market

Looking forward to your favourable response.

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<p>Shri M Nagarajan IAS MD, Vice Chairman GSRTC</p>	<p>Shri B.H. Talati, IAS Director of Technical Education</p>	<p>Shri Hiranmay Mahanta CEO i-hub</p>
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- Agri and Food Tech
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- Heavy Engineering
- AI and Deep Tech
- Environment and Sustainability

BharatNext Accelerator: Overview

- BharatNext is AMSIM's flagship initiative to scale high-potential startups.
- Supports startups with mentorship, resources, training, and market access.
- Targets local industrial challenges with real-world solutions.
- Creates a collaborative platform connecting startups with experts and corporates.
- Drives long-term growth and innovation in Mehsana and beyond.

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PRESS RELEASE:

OPERATION SINDOOR : INDIAN ARMED FORCES CARRIED OUT PRECISION STRIKE AT TERRORIST CAMPS

Posted On: 07 MAY 2025 1:44AM by PIB Delhi

A little while ago, the Indian Armed Forces launched ‘OPERATION SINDOOR’, hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed.

Altogether, nine (9) sites have been targeted.

Our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. India has demonstrated considerable restraint in selection of targets and method of execution.

These steps come in the wake of the barbaric Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were murdered. We are living up to the commitment that those responsible for this attack will be held accountable.

There will be detailed briefing on ‘OPERATION SINDOOR’, later today.



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Dated: 03.05.2025

ORDER

UNDER SECTION 411 (READ WITH PREAMBLE) OF MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1958

Whereas, the preamble of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 enshrines the objectives of the Act.

2. Whereas, the objective of Act, is to foster the development and ensure the efficient maintenance of an Indian mercantile marine, in a manner best suited to serve the national interests.

3. Whereas the said Act deal with Indian flag ships wherever these may be and Foreign Flag ships while in Indian waters, to ensure safety of life at sea and safety of ships.

4. Whereas section 411 empowers the Director General of Shipping, Govt of India, to issue directions to ships, for meeting the objective of national interest or the interest of Indian shipping.

5. Now, therefore, in exercise of power conferred by section 411 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with objectives as enshrined under Preamble of the said Act, keeping in view of the present situation, the following directions are hereby issued:

5.1. A ship bearing the flag of Pakistan shall not be allowed to visit any Indian Port.

5.2. An Indian flag ship shall not visit any Ports of Pakistan.

6. This order is issued to ensure safety of Indian assets, cargo and connected infrastructure, in public interest and for interest of Indian shipping.

7. Any exemption or dispensation from this order shall be examined and decided on case-to-case basis.

8. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and remain in force till further order.

(Director General of Shipping)

To,

- Chairpersons of all Ports.
- Principal Officers/ SICs of all MMDs.
- All the stakeholders through DGS Website.

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No. DA-19/4/2021-DA-DOP
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
(IR & GB Division)

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi-110001
Dated: 03.05.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Government of India has decided to suspend exchange of all categories of inbound mail and parcels from Pakistan through air and surface routes.

(Lakshmikantha Dashed)
DDG (IR & GB)

To

- All Heads of Circles.
- CEPT- with the request to upload this Public Notice on India Post website.
- DDG (Marketing) for wide publicity

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Direct Taxes

New Delhi, 27th May, 2025

Press Release

CBDT extends the due date of filing of ITRs which are due for filing by 31st July 2025.

The notified ITRs for AY 2025-26 have undergone structural and content revisions aimed at simplifying compliance, enhancing transparency, and enabling accurate reporting. These changes have necessitated additional time for system development, integration, and testing of the corresponding utilities. Furthermore, credits arising from TDS statements, due for filing by 31st May 2025, are expected to begin reflecting in early June, limiting the effective window for return filing in the absence of such extension.

In view of the extensive changes introduced in the notified ITRs and considering the time required for system readiness and rollout of Income Tax Return (ITR) utilities for Assessment Year (AY) 2025-26, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to extend the due date for filing returns.

Accordingly, to facilitate a smooth and convenient filing experience for taxpayers, it has been decided that the due date for filing of ITRs, originally due on 31st July 2025, is extended to 15th September 2025. A formal notification to this effect is being issued separately.

This extension is expected to mitigate the concerns raised by stakeholders and provide adequate time for compliance, thereby ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the return filing process.

(V. Rajitha)
Commissioner of Income Tax
(Media & Technical Policy) &
Official Spokesperson, CBDT

(To be published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II Section 3, Sub Section (II))

Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi

Notification No: 11/2025-26

New Delhi, 26 May, 2025

Subject: Restoration of RoDTEP for Advance Authorisations (AAs) holders, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Export-Oriented Units (EOUs) from 01.06.2025

S.O.(E): In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, read with Para 1.02 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, the Central Government hereby notifies the restoration of RoDTEP for Advance Authorizations (AAs) holders, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and Export-Oriented Units (EOUs) from 01.06.2025.

2. The rates are available in Appendix 4RE including newly aligned HS codes as per the Finance Act, 2025. The details are available on the DGFT portal at www.dgft.gov.in, under the link 'Regulations > RODTEP'.

Effect of this Notification: The Support under the RoDTEP Scheme for exports of products manufactured from AAs, SEZs, and EOUs is restored with effect from 01.06.2025.

This issues with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry.


(Ajay Bhadoo)

Director General of Foreign Trade
Additional Secretary to the Government of India
E-mail: dgft@nic.in

[Issued from File No.: 01/94/180/019/AM26/PC-4]

News on Agro-Products



CLEARED OF PESTS, CAUGHT IN PAPERWORK

A Case of Exporting Mangoes: US Junks 15 Indian Shipments

Exporters forced to
destroy cargo sent
by air over lapses
in documentation

Shantanu Nandan Sharma

New Delhi: Authorities in the US—India's largest export market for mangoes—rejected at least 15 shipments of the fruit sent by air upon arrival, attributing it to lapses in documentation. They instructed the exporters to either destroy the cargo in the US or re-export it to India. All chose to discard the mangoes due to its perishable nature and high cost of transporting it back to India.

The affected shipments had undergone irradiation in Mumbai on May 8 and 9, but were turned away at airports including Los Angeles, San Fran-

cisco, and Atlanta, ET has learnt. US authorities cited discrepancies in the documentation related to the irradiation process—a mandatory treatment that exposes a fruit to controlled doses of radiation to eliminate pests and extend shelf life. So, it wasn't the presence of pests but the paperwork around the pest-control protocol that caused the problem, according to exporters.

Two exporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, expressed concern over the rejection.

'Mistakes at Irradiation Facility' >> 7

India No. 4 Marine Products Exporter



India has emerged as the fourth largest exporter of marine products, shipping to 130 countries in FY25, said the commerce ministry. >>> 3

Not So Sweet

7 shipments, irradiated but held back **\$500,000** loss estimate

REASON FOR ENTRY DENIAL

Incorrectly issued PPQ203	This USDA form is mandatory for mango imports
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It is issued by US official stationed at irradiation facility

ACTION TAKEN

Exporters told to re-export or destroy consignments	Most opted for destruction due to high re-export costs
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The Trustees & Board of Directors

Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders.

Re. Patron Membership.

Dear All,

First of all let me Thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of my heart for the exceptional teamwork demonstrated during the 9th Annual Trade meet @ Goa. The event was applauded and praised by one and all who attended the meet. Another feather in our cap.

During the annual meet we had launched a patron membership scheme for first 50 members on first come first basis. The response was tremendous, and we are still receiving inquiries for the same. This shows how much faith the trade has in the Federation.

The highlights of the scheme are as follows:

Each patron member will have to pay a sum of Rs. One Lakh. Upon becoming a patron member, the patron member will enjoy the following benefits:

1. 20% discount on registration at all our events.
2. Free registration for spouse for the first annual Trade meet, on becoming a member.
3. Membership fees waiver for 9 (Nine) years.
4. Special seating arrangements at all our events, as a privileged member.
5. In future, if the Federation publishes a member directory, Special pages will be allotted for patron members.
6. A special patron member card will be issued.
7. A welcome kit will be given to each patron member.
8. In future if we negotiate with any laboratory or insurance company for special rates, the patron member will enjoy the benefits.

Kindly treat this as the official communication from the Federation for anyone who desires to become a patron member.

I look forward to welcoming all the patron members.

Yours Sincerely,



Tejus. Gandhi.

(Chairman)



FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS

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PATRON MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pan No: AADCF0181D

GST No: 24AADCF0181D1Z8

Name of the person (Please attach latest passport size photo)	
Date of Birth	
Designation	
Name of the company	
Status: Individual / Proprietorship / Partnership / LLP / Pvt. Ltd / Public Limited/ HUF/ Others	
Registered office address	
Correspondence address	
Phone No	Fax No
Cell No (This will be used for Password for FISS Portal)	WhatsApp No:
Email id (This will be used for Login for FISS Portal)	Website
Nature of business (Please mention Farmer / Traders / Processor / Manufacturer / Importer / Exporter / Agent / Broker / Service provider, Others	
Name of the products / service offered.	
Country of Export	
Country of Import	
GST No of the Organisation (Attach a copy)	
PAN card of the Organisation (Attach a copy)	

Spice Board Registration No & Validity period	
Member of any other Association / Business Chambers / Federation	
PATRON MEMBERSHIP FEE	Rs 100000 + 18% GST = 118000/-
BENEFIT OF PATRON MEMBERSHIP <p>The following are the benefits /deliverables the Patron members enjoy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20% discount on registration at all our events. 2. Free registration for spouse for the first annual Trade meet, on becoming a member. 3. Membership fees waiver for 9 (Nine) years. 4. Special seating arrangements at all our events, as a privileged member. 5. In future, if the Federation publishes a member directory, Special pages will be allotted for patron members. 6. A special patron member card will be issued. 7. A welcome kit will be given to each patron member. 8. In future if we negotiate with any laboratory or insurance company for special rates, the patron member will enjoy the benefits. 	
Cheque / DD /UTR No.	
Please draw Cheque / DD for Rs 1,18,000/- (Rupees One lakh eighteen thousand only) in Favour of “Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders” (Cheque/DD Subject to realization)	
Bank Electronic transfer through RTGS: A/c NAME: FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS Current A/c No: 01570200001082. NEFT: BARB0(zero)UNJHAX.: BANK OF BARODA, UNJHA	
I agree to follow all the rules and regulations of the FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS	
Place	Date
Signature	Company’s Stamp
For Official use only	
Approved by	Membership Registration No
Validity of Membership period	Entry made in Membership register



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Membership renewal form

Pan No: AADCF0181D

GST No: 24AADCF0181D1Z8

Name of the person (Please attach latest passport size photo)	
Designation	
Name of the company	
Federation Registration No	
Status: Individual /Proprietorship / Partnership / LLP /Pvt. Ltd / Public Limited/ HUF/ Others	
Registered office address	
Phone No	Fax No
Cell No	WhatsApp No:
Email id	Website
Nature of business (Please mention Farmer /Traders / Processor / Manufacturer / Importer / Exporter / Agent / Broker / Service provider	
Name of the products / service offered.	
Country of Export	
PAN card of the Organisation (Attach a copy if not already submitted)	
Spice Board Registration No & Validity period	
Member of any other Association / Business Chambers / Federation	
Membership fee Rs 9000/- for 3 years (For 2024, 2025 & 2026 upto 31.12.2026) +18%GST (Rs 1620) = Total 10,620/-	
Cheque / DD /UTR No.	
Please draw Cheque / DD for Rs 10,620/- (Rupees ten thousand six hundred and twenty only) in Fa- vour of “Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders” (Cheque/DD Subject to realization)	
Bank Electronic transfer through RTGS : A/c NAME : FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS Current A/c No: 01570200001082. NEFT: BARB0(zero) UNJHAX. : BANK OF BARODA, UNJHA	
I agree to follow all the rules and regulations of the FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS	
Place	Date
Signature	Company's Stamp
For Official use only	
Approved by	Membership Registration No
Validity of Membership period	Entry made in Membership register

New Membership Registration Form

Pan No: AADCF0181D

GST No: 24AADCF0181D1Z8

Name of the person (Please attach latest passport size photo)	
Designation	
Name of the company	
Status: Individual / Proprietorship / Partnership / LLP / Pvt. Ltd / Public Limited / HUF / Others	
Registered office address	
Phone No	Fax No
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Email id	Website
Nature of business (Please mention Farmer / Traders / Processor / Manufacturer / Importer / Exporter / Agent / Broker / Service provider, Others)	
Name of the products / service offered.	
Country of Export	
Country of Import	
GST No of the Organisation (Attach a copy)	
PAN card of the Organisation (Attach a copy)	
Spice Board Registration No & Validity period	
Member of any other Association / Business Chambers / Federation	
Membership fee Rs 9000/- for three years (For 2024, 2025 & 2026 upto 31.12.2026) + One-time Entry / Admission fee Rs 3000/- +18% GST (Rs 2160) = Total Rs 14160/-	
Cheque / DD / UTR No.	
Please draw Cheque / DD for Rs 14160/- (Rupees fourteen thousand one hundred sixty only) in Favour of “Federation of Indian Spice Stakeholders” (Cheque/DD Subject to realization)	
Bank Electronic transfer through RTGS: A/c NAME: FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS Current A/c No: 01570200001082. NEFT: BARBo(zero)UNJHAX.: BANK OF BARODA, UNJHA	
I agree to follow all the rules and regulations of the FEDERATION OF INDIAN SPICE STAKEHOLDERS	
Place	Date
Signature	Company's Stamp
For Official use only	
Approved by	Membership Registration No
Validity of Membership period	Entry made in Membership register



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), Variati (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 & 2025 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, Goa 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 “Soil to Soul Connecting the Spice Industry”

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 “Soil to Soul Connecting the Spice Industry”

Federation is led by Mr. Tejus Gandhi, Chairman, Mr. U Karthik, Co-Chairman and, Mr Ajay Goyal 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 Mayurbhai Mehta & Shri Devendrabhai Directors of 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

- Patron Membership fee Rs 100000 + 18% GST for 9 years
- Renewal Membership fee Rs 6000+ 18% GST for 2 Years (Jan 2025 to Dec 2026)
- New members enrolment One-time Entry /admission fee Rs 3000 +Membership fee Rs 6000 for 2 years upto (Jan 2025 to Dec 2026) +18%GST

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

"To be successful, you have to have your heart in your business and your business in your heart."

Thanks for sharing your valuable time

Contact us

For further information,

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