

## SPICES

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### Overview:

- Better Opportunities for Indian pepper in Q1
- Union Govt Going to put check on Pepper Imports from Sri Lanka
- Domestic Oleoresin Industry facing Chilli Shortage
- Spices Farmers to Benefit Through Right to Information Act
- Domestic Pepper Futures Witnessed Bearish Trade

### News Highlights:

#### Better Opportunities for Indian pepper in Q1

Chances of short supply of black pepper from other origins in the global market in the first quarter of 2006 could provide better opportunities to Indian black pepper. Vietnam, the world's largest producer of black pepper, is not offering ASTA grade pepper this year and Brazil is implicit to have marketed almost 75 per cent of its produce while Indonesia does not have much amount to export in the coming months. Thus, the situation is in India's favour during Q1 (January-March 2006). International buyers will turn towards Vietnam from April onwards, as its new crop would hit the market in April. However, the prices have to remain at the current levels, which is around \$100 above the other origins. Since Indian pepper enjoys a premium, buyers are ready to offer a higher price for Malabar Garbled 1. Currently, Indian parity is \$1700-1725 c.i.f. per tonne. Indonesia was quoting \$1600-1650 and Brazil \$1525-1550. The prices ruled steady in the domestic market during the weekend on reports that the Kerala Marketfed had called for tenders for liquidating around 4000 tonnes procured by it during the last production season. The domestic market is also anticipating that there would be a short supply from the domestic production, which is expected to be down by around 30 per cent because of the continual and prevalent rains during the year and mainly during flowering time. As harvesting has been already delayed by one month. In addition to this Sri Lanka has also slowed down exports to India due to the increase in prices in Indian domestic market. The demand in Northern India has also picked up following the cold wave in this part of the country. The domestic industrial demand has also picked up now. The grinding industry absorbs around 50 per cent of the domestic production. According to the industry sources, the industry is also now looking for good quality pepper. The prices are likely to move up further in near future upto Jan-March, 2006.

#### Union Govt Going to put check on Pepper Imports from Sri Lanka

The Union Commerce Ministry of India is planning to put a limit on the quantity of pepper imported from Sri Lanka to check the flooding of the local market with imports, besides noticeable fall in the prices of the domestic MG-1 Pepper. Ministry sources reported to media that to protect the interest of the Indian pepper growers, the Centre was

considering the proposal of the Spices Board to impose quantity restrictions on imports of pepper from the Sri Lanka. Under the FTA with Sri Lanka, 50 per cent of its pepper production, which was 6000 tonnes when the agreement was signed, was allowed to be imported duty-free. In successive years the imports from the Lanka have increased significantly and flooding the market here and depressing the domestic prices. In recent years, Sri Lankan production has increased and it is estimated at 14000 tonnes in 2005, while the projections according to IPC for 2006 are at 14800 tonnes. The exports from that country in 2005 are estimated at over 9000 tonnes and most of it is to India. Market sources also reported that Sri Lanka also exploiting the absence of checking facilities at some of the ports of India, even pepper of inferior quality, sometimes unfit for human consumption, are imported into the country. According to them, the situation demands that every import consignment must be subjected to a quality check as per PFA specification. Therefore, to monitor the import of spices such as pepper, cardamom, cloves, all import of such sensitive spices must be permitted for import only through select ports viz., Chennai, Tuticorin and Kochi, which have plant quarantine offices to check the quality as per PFA. Given this scenario, the Union Government, to protect the interests of the pepper farmers, had imposed 70 per cent duty on pepper imports. But, while framing the bilateral trade agreement with the SAARC countries, which include Sri Lanka, pepper import from that country was neither deleted nor put under negative list. This has resulted in large quantities of black pepper are being flushed into India through various ports as well as inland container depots. Surprisingly, these imports from Sri Lanka do not attract any State levies such as sales tax/VAT while indigenously produced pepper attracts such levies of each State of production (Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu). So if the Govt puts proper check on quality as well as quality the definitely it would going to help domestic pepper prices and growers interest.

#### Domestic Oleoresin Industry facing Chilli Shortage

The domestic production of chilli is expected to fall by around 30 percent consequent upon unfavourable rainfalls in this year. The domestic oleoresin industry, which requires high quality chilli for extraction of oleoresin, would suffer as the prolonged rainfalls have adversely affected the

colour of chilli. The likely supply shortage of good quality chilli may put an upward pressure on the prices and consequently the production cost of oleoresin may rise substantially. The higher prices may lead domestic oleoresin uncompetitive in the global market. The oleoresin extracted from chilli accounts for about a half of the total oleoresins exported from India. India mainly exports oleoresins to the United States, the European Union, Australia and Japan. The domestic chilli production is estimated at around 1.1 million tonnes last year. South India accounts for around 70 percent of the domestic production.

**Spices Farmers to Benefit Through Right to Information Act**  
Spices farmers going to benefit through Right to Information Act as the Spices Board of India has taken some steps for the implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Board has designated the Deputy Director, Mr Charles J. Kithu, as the Public Information Officer at its headquarters in Kochi under the Act. Mrs K. Lekshmikutty,

Deputy Director, is the Assistant Public Information Officer. Mr K.P. Somasekharan, Director (Finance), has been designated the Appellate Authority in the Board to hear appeals and complaints from the Framers and traders of spices. Now spices farmers as well as traders can ask their queries directly related to spices trade, production and Exim scenario.

#### **Domestic Pepper Futures Witnessed Bearish Trade**

The domestic pepper prices were quoted slightly higher today as against yesterday. At the futures market the pepper futures at the NCDEX witnessed a slight upward trade following a weak opening initially. However, increased selling pressure at the higher price levels pressurised the futures to move downwards thereafter. The December future traded in the range of 7366.00-7480.00 during today's trade. The pepper prices at the spot markets as well as the futures market are expected to witness a bearish sentiment in the next day with possibility of some upward movement later in the session.

#### **Domestic Prices For the week ending 26.11.2005:**

Spice	Grade/Variety	Market	Price (RS/KG) For The Week (26.11.05)	Price (RS/KG) For The Week (19.11.05)	Last Month (RS/KG) Same Week (29.10.05)	Last Year Same Week (RS/KG) (27.11.2004)
Black pepper*	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	Cochin	68.33	66.17	6442	62.00
Cardamom	(Small) Ungraded	Vandanmettu	222.65	226.32	229.54	306.77
Cardamom	Cardamom (large)	Gangtok	100.00	97.50	95.63	87.50
Chilli	Non -cold storage Cold storage	Guntur	17.80 29.20	18.00 30.00	13.80 25.60	31.40 21.00
Ginger	Unbleached (new)	Cochin	120.00	111.67	100.00	140.00
Turmeric	Alleppey finger (AFT) Selam	Cochin	50.00	50.00	50.00	55.00
		Mumbai	56.50	56.50	56.50	55.75
		Duggirala	31.00	31.13	29.13	31.75
Coriander	Indori 5%	"	24.25	21.63	18.88	20.25
Cumin	4%	"	70.63	65.00	61.88	78.13
Clove	Grade 1	Cochin,	220.00	220.00	220.00	290.00
		Nagarcoil	240.00	240.00	240.00	300.00
Cinnamon		Delhi	60.00	51.00	46.50	49.50

## International Spot Prices for the week ending 23.11.2005:

Spice	Origin/Grade	Market	Price For The Week (23.11. 05) (US\$/TON)	Price For The Week (18.11. 05) (US\$/TON)	Last Month Same Week (21.10.05) (US\$/TON)	Last Year Same Week (24.11.04) (US\$/TON)
Black pepper	Malabar garbled (mg-1)	New York	1698	1698	1720	1610
Cardamom * (small)	Fancy green Indian Asta (8 mm)	New York	8820	8820	8820	8820
		Saudi Arabia	7730	7840	7730	9190
Chillies	Indian sannm-4 (stem less)	New York	1367	1367	1367	1300
Ginger	India cochin	New York	3484	3484	3484	-
	Chinese peeled	New York	3462	3418	3462	2646
Turmeric	Indian ground India Alleppey finger	New York	1213	1213	1213	1213
			2050	2161	2050	1985
Garlic	Chinese	New York	2822	2756	2822	1566
Coriander	Canada	New York	772	772	772	816
Cumin	Syrian India	New York	1830	1830	1830	1985
			2029	2315	2029	2028
Fennel	Indian Asta Egyptian	New York	1455	1566	1455	1234
			1411	1411	1411	1300
Fenugreek	India/turkey	New York	750	750	750	750
Clove	Mad/zanz/com/ Indo Sri Lanka (hand picked)	New York	3704	3704	3704	4190
			7166	7166	7166	7717
Cassia	Vera c/w a volatile oil content	New York	1455	1455	1455	1455
Cinnamon	Ceylon h2 cinnamon (soft bark)	New York	5292	5292	4740	4630

### Market Analysis:

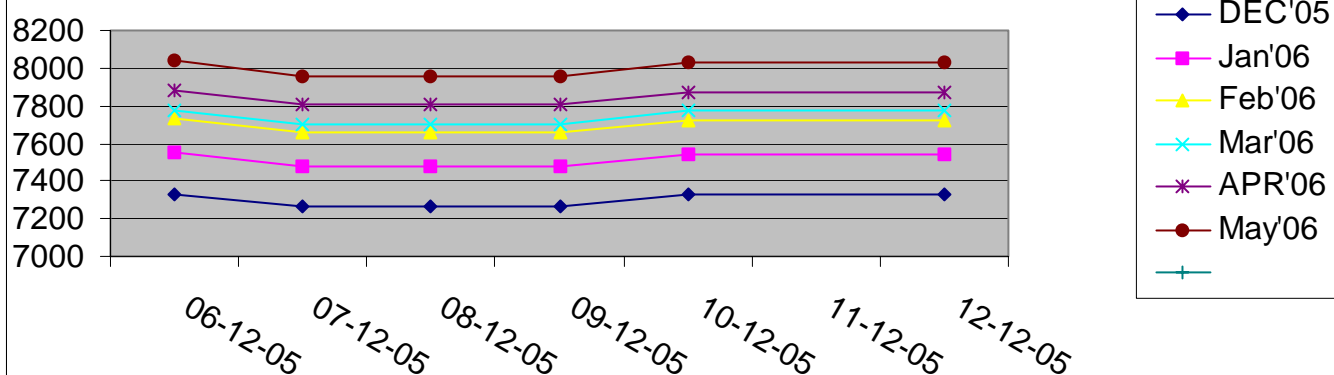
#### Pepper:

#### A Brief Weekly Fundamental Analysis of IPSTA Pepper Futures Trading

The graph below is showing the closing prices for the different contract months at the IPSTA in the week. Prices taken slight downward movement on Tuesday then from

Wednesday to Friday steady trend and upward on Saturday and steady trend upto Monday in every contract, the prices would most likely to take slight upward movement in coming days.

## Movement of Pepper Prices During the Week at IPSTA



### Movement of Garbled and Ungarbled prices at Kochi during the week (Rs/quintal):

Pepper	06.12.05	07.12.05	08.12.05	09.12.05	10.12.05	12.12.05
Ungarbled	6900	6900	6900	6900	6900	6900
Garbled	7300	7300	7300	7300	7300	7300

The prices of garbled and ungarbled varieties of pepper remained steady in Kochi market during the week; Demand for black pepper started coming from Domestic markets for northern parts of the country and some export demand from USA and other European countries. Any Arrivals and off take were not recorded during the week as growers as well as not ready to sell or purchase on current prices. Market sources reported that prices might remain steady for 2-3 days more then start picking up on domestic buying support and fresh crop being delayed over continuous rains. In coming week prices would see steady to firm sentiments in prices.

#### Delhi terminal mandi

In Delhi market prices of black pepper remain steady firm due to poor arrivals from the Kochi and fair amount of buying support. Prices at Delhi Market would see some more improvement in coming week.

Pepper	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Golden Unpolished	76-78	76-77
11.5	85-95	85-95
No. 12	97-108	98-110

Note: Prices are in Rs. Per Kg.

#### Turmeric:

**Erode mandi:** Turmeric prices remained steady on weak side in comparison with previous week level. Average Arrivals of turmeric in the Erode were reported between 3000-4000 bags daily during the week maximum 4500 bags per day. Due to poor demand prices shown slight weakness which are firm earlier, trade sources reported that prices would see further some more weakness in near future in due to sluggish demand with short supply too at trading centers and also if the rains which are now a days regular

feature in TN continues then prices can see some firmness too in prices in coming weeks.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Loose Finger	2800-2900	2750-2850
Bilty	3075-3150	3000-3100
Loose Gattah	2825-2850	2750-2800
Bilty	3075-3100	3000-3050
Loose SP Gattah	2900-2950	2850-2875
Bilty	3150-3200	3100-3125
Loose DP Gattah (Salem)	3050	3000
Bilty	3300	3250
Kolkata Quality Bilty (75 kg)	2225	2175

Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.; NR: Not Reported;(1 bag=75 Kg)

#### Nizamabad Mandi

Prices weakened slightly in finger and gattah grades in comparison with previous week levels. Daily arrivals and off take in Nizamabad were reported to be just near 500-700 bags level but demand is on weaker side during the week. Prices would may move slight upward direction in coming week if marriage and winter season demand from north India going to pick up again in coming week.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Nizamabad Gattah	2600-2625	2600
Nizamabad Finger	2700-2725	2650-2675

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtls.; NR: Not reported

**Warangal mandi:** Market opened all days during the week. Prices for turmeric in the market continued to hold steady levels on weaker side. Prices for Gattah and Finger were in the range of Rs.2600-2700 per quintal.

**Delhi Mandi:** Demand for turmeric was sluggish. Prices remained steady from weak to slightly firm in all grades with more or less same prices of turmeric in comparison of previous week. However, talks of sufficient stock and steady demand would keep the movement of prices steady with weak undertone in coming week too.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Nizamabad finger	3050-3100	3000-3100
E.Finger mini Selam	3550-3600	3400-3650
E. Single polish Gattah	3050-3175	3050-3200
E. Double polish Gattah	3575	3500-3650
Warangal polish	3000-3100	3000-3150
Selam Finger	4050-4100	4000-4100

Note: Prices are in Rs/ Qtl.

#### Clove:

**Delhi mandi** Delhi clove market prices and demand remained steady on firm side. Traders are expecting improvement in its prices in coming week or so following the low production reports from the origin countries. Prices would remain firm in coming week too.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Indonesia	200-205	205-210
Ketan	210	215
Colombo	180	180-185
Madagascar	182	182-185
Zanzibar	210	210-220

Note: Prices are in Rs/Kg

**Hyderabad mandi** demand seen some improvement following firm demand from the retail end. Indonesian clove grade was offered at Rs. 210-215 per kg. While Colombo grade was traded at Rs. 190 per kg. The price of Zanzibar was recorded at Rs 215-220 per Kg.

#### Cumin:

**Unjha Mandi:** Cumin prices declined by Rs.50-150 per quintal during the week at Unjha market. Prices declined slightly against previous week due to decrease in supply pressure and poor demand in December. Sowing of jeera going on in Saurashtra and North Gujarat region is almost completed and it about 1.5 times of the previous production. Daily average arrivals were in the range of 1500-2000 bags per day and off takes were about 4000 bags per day during the week. Prices would remain weak in coming week due to sluggish demand and weak arrivals. So there are maximum chances of weak sentiments in prices in coming week.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Kisan Mal-FAQ	1125-1320	1100-1300
Ganesh	1290-1310	1280-1300
M/c. Cleaned	1390-1410	1350-1400
Sup. M/c. Cleaned	1450-1550	1425-1525

Note: Prices are in Rs/20 Kg

In **Hyderabad mandi** the rates of Kisan mal-FAQ grade was reported between Rs.1150-1200/20kg.during this week. Prices are likely to remain weak in the coming week.

#### Delhi Mandi:

Cumin prices remain steady with weaker undertone in different grades i.e. more or less same, as expectation of improvement in demand due to marriage season. Prices would remain steady to weak in coming week.

Grade	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Chalu	64-68	63-65
Ganesh	71-74	70-72
M/Cleaned	70-85	70-83
Best	88-93	88-91

#### Red Chillies:

**Guntur Mandi.** Guntur Chilli Market was opened for whole week with prices declined by Rs 100-200 per quintal in different grades. Daily average arrivals were about 35000-40000 bags recorded, average off takes were in the range of 15000-20000 bags per day. Chilli prices were showing weakness in prices on sluggish domestic demand last week. Prices had seen weak sentiments on weaker side from the previous week. Market sources reported that prices would remain steady on weaker side in coming week too due to sluggish demand.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
COLD	3000-3100	2800-2950
UNCOLD	1700-2200	1500-2000
WHB	3100-3250	3000-3100
Byadgi	3300-3400	3100-3300
Sannam Best	3100-3300	3000-3100
Sannam Med. Best	2700-3200	2600-3100
Namdhari	2900-3100	2800-3050
273	2950-3200	2850-3100
Guntur Fullcut	4500	4300-4400
Ankur	3400-3600	3300-3500
Phatki	1250-1350	1200-1250
Indo5	3000-3200	2900-3050
Tejaseed	3200-3600	3100-3450
Roshni	2850-3000	2750-2900

Note: Prices are in Rs/Qtl, NR-Not Reported

#### Delhi Mandi:

Chilli prices were declined by Rs. 300-400 per quintal in different grades on steady demand and supply pressure on marriage and cold season in North India. News of chilly crop damage due to excess rain in producing areas of AP and Karnataka give a push to the prices in last fortnight gone down on decline in demand. Prices are decreased at the production centers i.e. main market at Guntur and Nagpur too. Traders are expecting steady trend with slight weak undertone to persist in coming week.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Guntur Pala	3400	3100-3300
Guntur Fullcut	4800-5200	4500-5200
Guntur Packing (new)	4000	3200-3800
Nagpur Pala	3300	3000-3100
Nagpur Fullcut	3700	3500-3700
Nagpur Packing	3800	3300-3700

Note: Prices are in Rs/QT

#### Cardamom:

##### Delhi mandi

Cardamom prices remain steady on slight weaker side due to supply pressure and steady demand. Prices were more or less same in comparison to previous week. Traders in Delhi have done aggressive buying from the sources markets and build up inventory ahead of festivals. The prices would remain steady to weak in coming week too.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Panwali	205-210	195-205
Colour Robin	200-215	200-210
C Bold 6.5mm	220-230	215-225
Extra Bold 7mm	250-270	240-260
Ex Bold 7.5mm	325-350	325-350
Handpicked	430-485	430-485

Note: Prices are in Rs/kg

##### Hyderabad Mandi

Prices in Hyderabad were slight weak, as steady demand and heavy fresh arrivals; prices declined slightly in each grade in comparison with previous week in superior grades. Harvesting of Current crop in Guatemala is expected to start in December. Prices would remain steady with weak sentiment in coming week.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Colour Robin	205-250	200-240
C Bold 6.5mm	215-220	210-215
Extra Bold 7mm	245-250	240-250
Ex Bold 7.5mm	325-330	320-330
8.00 mm	410-425	400-425

Note: Prices are in Rs/kg; IO=Indian origin

#### Coriander:

##### Delhi Mandi

Delhi market seen a weak trend in prices and demand. Prices of coriander declined significantly in comparison to previous week in all grades. In coming week prices would remain steady with weak undertone.

Coriander Grade	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
FAQ (Chalu)	2300-2500	2100-2300
Medium	3000-3100	2300-2800
Green	3500-4000	3100-3800
Extra Green	4500-5000	4200-5600

Note: Rate Per Quintal

**Rajasthan Mandi:** On steady demand and poor arrivals prices remained more or less same with steady sentiment. Average daily arrivals of coriander in Ramganj 1500-2000 bags, Kota 2000 bags, Baran 1500 bags and Guna 1000 bags recorded during the week. There would be some improvement in demand and prices on poor arrivals in coming week.

DATES	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Kota Badami (40 kg)	880-990	880-990
Kota Eagle (40 kg)	900-1020	900-1020
Ramganj Badami (loose per qtls)	1675-1950	1675-1950
Ramganj Eagle (loose per qtls)	1800-2050	1800-2050
Kota Badami (loose per quintal)	1675-1950	1675-1950
Kota Eagle (loose per quintal)	1800-2050	1800-2050

#### Methi

##### Kota mandi:

Methi prices remain steady on slight firm side during the week in Kota mandi. Sowing is on peak now a days and normal sowing going on in comparison to previous year. Daily average arrivals were in the range 150-200 bags per day during the week. Arrivals at Neemuch mandi were 900 bags daily with more or less same prices on good demand. Market sources expecting some improvement in demand and prices in near future. Prices would see steady sentiments in prices in coming week.

##### Methi price at Kota Mandi

Methi Grade	Nov 29-Dec 05	Dec 06 - 12
Methi (Uncleaned)	1550-1675	1550-1680
Methi (Cleaned)	1625-1850	1625-1875

Note: Rate Per bag (100 Kg. each)

Prices of Methi seen steady to trend during the week. Delhi market witnessed firm trade. The prices would remain firm on positive side in coming week.

##### Methi price at Delhi Mandi

Methi Grade	Nov 28-Dec 03	Dec 06 - 12
Chalu	2050-2200	2075-2250
Jabara	2775-3100	2800-3150
Better	3275-3500	3275-3500

Note: Rate Per quintal



**Technical Analysis:**  
**Commodity: Black Pepper**

**Exchange: NCDEX**

**Contract Month: January 2006**

Candlesticks showing bullish sentiments, Stochastic oscillator and MACD all technical; indicators showing bearish sentiment in the prices but maximum chances of positive technical correction in coming couple of days.

Fundamentals are also supporting the bullish sentiments of the market, as Prices are steady to firm in spot market. Overall there are maximum chances of upward movement in coming week.



**Recommendation:** The prices would most likely to move upward movement in coming week. So one should go for long the positions near support levels. But one should be

cautious as it maturity time on previous contract. The prices would be in the range of 7459-7850 in this week.

**Commodity: Turmeric**

**Exchange: NCDEX**

**Contract Month: April 2006**

Candlesticks showing bearish sentiments, Stochastic oscillator and MACD all-technical; indicators showing bearish sentiment in the prices. Fundamentals are also

supporting the range bound bearish sentiments of the market as Prices are steady to weak in spot market over poor arrivals and weak demand.



**Recommendation:** Go for Short term as well as intra day selling near Resistance levels in the week. But one should

be cautious as it maturity time on previous contract. The prices would be in the range of 2287-2385 in this week.

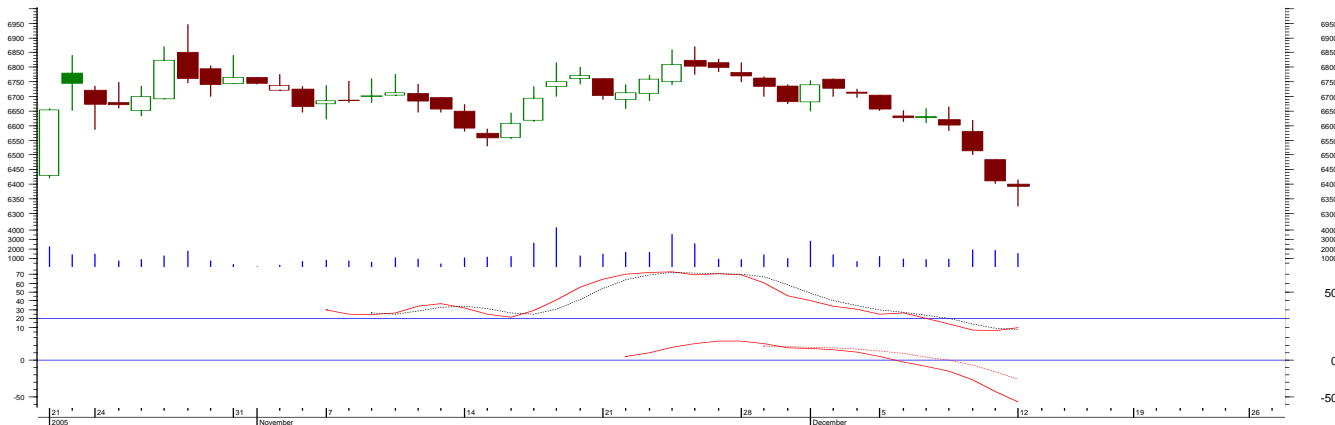
## Commodity: Cumin (Jeera)

Exchange: NCDEX

Contract Month: January 2006

All the indicators are showing bullish sentiment in the market. Stochastic oscillator which in over sold region taken positive correction. MACD is in negative zone but

bearish and moving downwards sign of weakness in market. Overall all the technical indicators with support of fundamentals showing bullish sentiments in the prices.



**Recommendation:** As the market fundamentals as well as technical showing bullish sentiment in the market. To long positions on short term and intra day basis holds good.

Market would move upward. But one should be cautious as it maturity time on previous contract. Market would move in the range of 6301-6557 in this week.

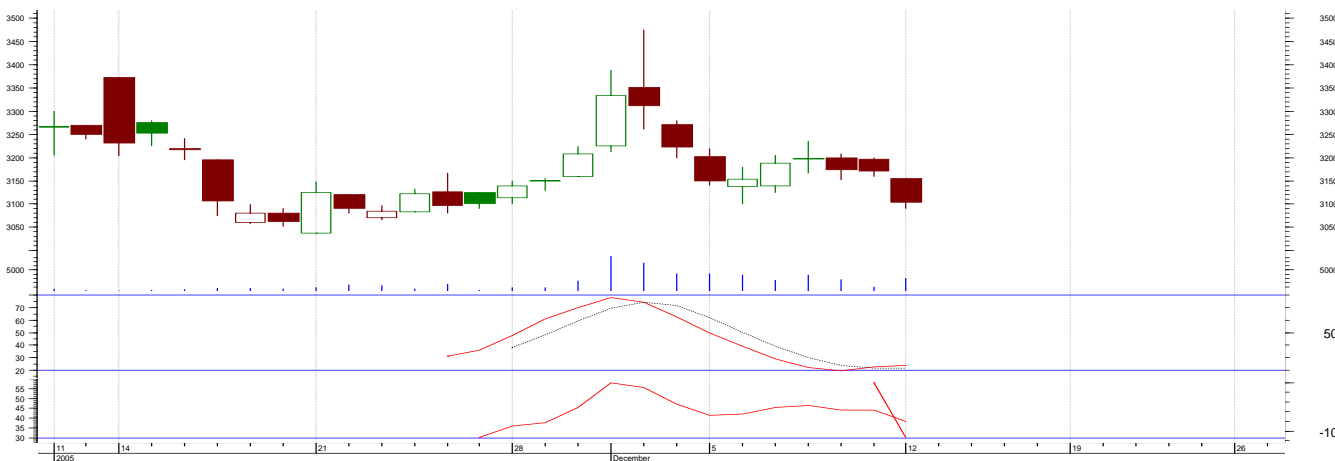
## Commodity: Red Chili

Exchange: NCDEX

Contract Month: March 2006

Stochastic Oscillator taken slight upward move and moving in neutral region and bullish with sideways movement. RSI is bearish. Candlesticks showing bearish sentiments. Overall

technical and fundamentals showing the bearish sentiments in coming week.



**Recommendation:** As per Fundamental and technical analysis, market would move range bound in downward side. So one can go for making positions short near

resistance levels. But one should be cautious as it maturity time on previous contract. Prices would be in the range of 3040-3219 in this week.



## WEATHER WATCH (As on 12.12.05)

### ALL INDIA WEATHER FORECAST BULLETIN VALID FOR NEXT 5 DAYS

#### Weather Outlook

Yesterday's upper air cyclonic circulation over south Tamil Nadu extending upto mid tropospheric levels still persist and now lies over Lakshadweep and adjoining southeast Arabian sea. Under its influence, fairly widespread rains are likely in Kerala and Lakshadweep and scattered in Tamilnadu & Pondicherry. Rainfall activity over these areas is likely to decrease after 24 hrs. The remnant of a low-pressure system over South China Sea is likely to travel to Indian coast as Easterly Wave and may affect south Tamilnadu coast and Kerala on 16-17 December 2005. A weak western disturbance is likely to approach hilly region of NW India by 14th Dec. The system may cause isolated rain/snowfall over upper reaches of hilly region of NW India on 14 and 15 December 2005.

**NORTH & NORTH NORTHWEST INDIA [J&K, HP, UTTARANCHAL, PUNJAB, HARYANA, DELHI, WEST UP]**  
Mainly dry weather may prevail over NW India during next 2 days. Isolated snow/rains are expected over upper reaches of J & K and Himachal on 14-15 December 2005.

**EAST AND NE INDIA [EAST UP, BIHAR, JHARKHAND, WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, NE STATES]**

Mainly dry weather may prevail over the region.  
**CENTRAL INDIA [MP, CHATTISGARH, VIDARBHA]**  
Mainly dry weather is expected over the region.

**SOUTH INDIA [TAMILNADU, AP, KERALA, KARNATAKA, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS, LAKSHADEEP]**

Fairly widespread rains are likely in Kerala and Lakshadweep and scattered in Tamilnadu & Pondicherry. Rainfall activity over these areas is likely to decrease after 24 hrs. Scattered to fairly widespread rains are expected over Andaman & Nicobar Islands during next 3-4 days. Isolated rains are also likely in Coastal AP, Rayalseema and south Interior Karnataka. Mainly dry weather may prevail in the rest areas of the region.

**WEST INDIA [MAHARASHTRA OTHER THAN VIDARBHA, GUJARAT, RAJASTHAN]**

Mainly dry weather is expected to prevail over the region.

Source: GOI (NCMRWF& IMD)

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