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GROWTH OF SPICES PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

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ABSTRACT

An attempt on spices processing industry has been undertaken with the specific objective is: to analyse the growth of spices processing industry with reference to selected economic indicators. The relevant informations have been collected from secondary sources. The study covers the period from 1990 to 2012. The data for the selected product groups have been drawn from the records of the District Industry Centre (DIC), Tiruchirappalli. The cross check has been made in order to check the validity of secondary data collection with 20 spices processing units in the study region. By adopting the complete enumeration method, the data have been collected from all these units. For the purpose of analysis, the collected data were classified into product group-wise over different years and compound growth rate has been used. The overall growth rate of spices processing industry was 6.11 percent. From the analysis, it is witnessed that the performance of spices processing industry has grown drastically in the study period.

KEYWORDS

growth, spices, spices-mix & spices processing industry.

INTRODUCTION

The food industry across the globe is turning more and more to spice products to create newer varieties of food. New flavour systems are being developed to introduce new products in the market and create competitive advantages. The Indian spices products industry is engaged in continuous innovation and upgradation of process and products to meet the new global demand. India produce and market over 50 different varieties of spices and export them to more than 150 counties around the globe.

In recent years, the changes in technology and consumption pattern have made a large number of products obsolete. Consumer's acceptance of new products and new styles of living have become an accepted fact. Growing urbanization, the increasing number of working couples, the spread of consumption culture through television, the difficulty in getting reliable domestic help in the urban areas, the increasing affluence of the high and middle income group of the population, the trend towards "quick food" life styles and the high price of domestic cooking fuels etc., have resulted in a remarkable progress of the spices processing industry with diversified products in recent times. In this light of its importance, an attempt on spices processing industry has been undertaken with the specific objective is: to analyse the growth of spices processing industry with reference to selected economic indicators.

DATA SOURCE AND METHODOLOGY

The relevant informations have been collected from secondary sources. The study covers the period from 1990 to 2012. The data for the selected product groups have been drawn from the records of the District Industry Centre (DIC), Trichy. The cross check has been made in order to check the validity of secondary data collection with 20 spices processing units in the study region. By adopting the complete enumeration method, the data have been collected from all these units. For the purpose of analysis, the collected data were classified into product group-wise over different years and compound growth rate has been used.

GROWTH MODEL

Growth is studied with reference to annual growth rates computed based on the compound interest rate formula adopted by the World Bank using the least square methods.

The least squares growth rate 'r' is estimated by fitting a least squares linear regression trend line to the logarithmic annual values of the variable in the relevant period. More specifically, the regression equation takes the form

 $Log X_t = a + bt + e_t$

Where this is the equivalent to the logarithmic transformation of the compound growth rate equation

Xt =X0 (1+r) t

In these equations 'X' is the variable, 't' is time period and a=log X_0 and b= log(1+r) are the parameters to be estimated, 'e' is the error term. If b^{*} is the least squares estimates of 'b' then the average annual percentage growth rate 'r' is obtained as (antilog b^{*}) –1 and multiplied by 100 to express it as percentage (World Bank, 1992).

NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES

The spices processing industry products varieties from pure spices powder to instant mixes. On the basis of spices processing industry products, the products are classified into five categories; upto 5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20 and above 20. The classification of products is based on their diversification are presented in the following tables.

Table 1 presents data on the number of spices processing industry in Tiruchirappalli district during the period from 1990 to 2012. In the beginning period, there were 5 units and the number has gradually increased to 20 units in 2012 thus recording a growth rate of 7.43 percent. Product group-wise in 1990, 6-10 has accounted for maximum number of 3 enterprises. Product groups both upto 5 and 11-15 witnessed the minimum of just one unit. In 2012, the maximum of 5 units observed in both upto 5 and 6-10. Product group-wise the highest growth rate of 8.71 percent was found in upto 5 followed by 7.17 percent in 16-20 and 6.59 percent in above 20. Product group 6-10 has continued to dominate with number of units but subsequently it not increased prominently over the period, which reflects the minimum growth rate of 1.31 percent.

It is evident that out of 5 product categories, upto 5 product group has obtained higher growth rate than the sectoral growth rate of 7.43 percent. High demand and availability of raw-materials is the main reasons for higher growth rate of spices processing industry in Tiruchirappalli district. It indicates this industry attracts more number of units and encoverage then for modernization.

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TABLE 1: NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES (in numbers)									
SI. No	Year/Units	Upto 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	>20	Total		
1	1990	1	3	1			5		
2	1991	1	3	1			5		
3	1992	1	3	1			5		
4	1993	1	3	1			5		
5	1994	1	3	1			5		
6	1995	2	2	1	1		6		
7	1996	2	3	1	1		7		
8	1997	2	2	1	2		7		
9	1998	2	2	1	2		7		
10	1999	3	2	1	2		8		
11	2000	3	1	1	1	2	8		
12	2001	2	2	1	1	2	8		
13	2002	1	3	1	1	2	8		
14	2003	1	4	1	1	2	9		
15	2004	1	2	2	2	2	9		
16	2005	4	4	2	2	2	14		
17	2006	4	3	2	3	2	14		
18	2007	6	2	3	3	2	16		
19	2008	6	3	2	4	2	17		
20	2009	5	4	3	3	3	18		
21	2010	5	3	3	3	4	18		
22	2011	7	3	3	3	4	20		
23	2012	5	5	3	3	4	20		
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	Source: Compiled from the records of DIC, Tiruchirappalli								

GROSS BLOCK

The data pertaining to the investment of gross block for a period of twenty-three years from 1990 to 2012 is shown in Table 2. Aggregate investment at the initial period was Rs.372.75 lakh and the cumulative investment has steadily increased to Rs. 1,190.42 lakhs in 2012. During the period of study, the sectoral growth rate of gross block by all the product groups was 5.16 percent, which was less than the growth rate recorded by number of enterprises.

At the beginning of the period, across the product groups, 6-10 had account for the highest investment in gross block of Rs.186.65 lakh. The minimum amount of Rs.90.55 lakh was found in upto 5. Crosswise the product groups, 6-10 fluctuated over the period and had account for the highest investment of Rs.344.58 lakh at the end of the study period. The least investment of 148.75 lakh was found in 11-15. Regarding the product group-wise rate of growth, above 20 recorded the highest growth rate of 5.70 percent followed by 4.32 percent in upto 5 and 2.05 percent in 11-15. The least growth rate of 1.41 percent was 6-10, since there is low growth in number of enterprise.

Out of 5 product groups, above 20 has attained higher growth rate than the sectoral growth rate of 5.16 percent during the period of study. It is indicting improvement in the assets base of the enterprises in above 20. Sharp rise in demand for instant mixes for home consumption and availability of suitable raw-materials were the main reasons for good growth rate.

TABLE 2: GROSS BLOCK (Rs. in lakh)							
SI. No.	Year/Units	Upto 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	>20	Total
1	1990	90.55	186.65	95.55			372.75
2	1991	90.64	189.93	96.64			377.21
3	1992	100.94	235.81	111.94			448.69
4	1993	103.21	239.62	113.21			456.04
5	1994	105.81	247.44	115.81			469.06
6	1995	163.48	193.48	96.74	83.05		536.75
7	1996	166.11	249.16	83.05	96.74		595.06
8	1997	180.09	182.09	91.04	172.09		625.31
9	1998	184.31	182.31	91.15	185.32		643.09
10	1999	239.30	184.53	91.77	189.53		705.13
11	2000	239.46	80.82	79.82	88.82	159.64	648.56
12	2001	169.91	159.91	79.95	89.95	159.91	659.63
13	2002	80.08	240.23	86.08	90.08	160.15	656.62
14	2003	82.34	285.24	87.31	92.31	162.62	709.82
15	2004	84.32	252.63	162.36	142.63	172.63	814.57
16	2005	174.15	284.15	164.07	144.07	182.07	948.51
17	2006	191.66	243.75	165.83	145.75	185.83	932.82
18	2007	292.89	197.63	186.44	146.44	187.63	1011.03
19	2008	295.92	237.96	91.97	183.94	191.97	1001.76
20	2009	217.74	274.19	120.64	130.64	230.64	973.85
21	2010	222.83	223.70	130.76	133.70	278.26	989.25
22	2011	342.24	240.62	143.07	146.67	285.57	1158.17
23	2012	244.58	344.58	148.75	156.85	295.66	1190.42
C.G.R		4.32	1.41	2.05	1.81	5.70	5.16

TABLE 2: GROSS BLOCK (Rs. in lakh)

Source: Compiled from the records of DIC, Tiruchirappalli

EMPLOYMENT

Table 3 presents the details about employment in the spices processing industry in Tiruchirappalli district during the period from 1990 to 2012. In the initial period, there were 169 employees involved in manufacturing and the number of persons employed has increased to 426 in the last year with the growth rate of 5.24 percent. It is evident that the growth rate of employment was higher than the growth rate recorded by gross block.

TABLE 3: EMPLOYMENT (in num								
SI. No.	Year/ Units	Upto 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	>20	Total	
1	1990	40	84	45			169	
2	1991	40	86	45			171	
3	1992	42	85	48			175	
4	1993	42	85	48			175	
5	1994	43	86	49			178	
6	1995	61	71	41	41		214	
7	1996	70	95	45	45		255	
8	1997	70	71	45	61		247	
9	1998	74	71	46	61		252	
10	1999	94	73	51	63		281	
11	2000	95	32	52	32	60	271	
12	2001	65	65	52	32	60	274	
13	2002	33	98	53	33	60	277	
14	2003	30	120	50	30	60	290	
15	2004	35	110	60	60	60	325	
16	2005	84	104	62	62	62	374	
17	2006	85	94	62	84	62	387	
18	2007	105	68	87	87	68	415	
19	2008	108	94	66	102	66	436	
20	2009	96	107	88	88	88	467	
21	2010	97	78	88	88	97	448	
22	2011	124	83	83	93	101	484	
23	2012	89	98	44	94	101	426	
C.G.R	Source: Com	4.04	0.76	2.65	5.57	5.12	5.24	

Source: Compiled from the records of DIC, Tiruchirappalli

Product group-wise in the beginning of year, 6-10 has employed 84 employees followed by 11-15 (45 employees) and upto 5 (40 employees). In the end of study period employment in the manufacturing of various product groups were: above 20 has employed 101 employees, 6-10 has employed 98 employees, 16-20 has employed 94 employees, upto 5 has employed 89 employees and 11-15 has employed 44 employees. From 1990 to 2012, product group-wise growth rate was as follows: maximum growth rate of 5.57 percent in 16-20, 5.12 percent in above 20, 4.04 percent in upto 5, 2.65 percent in 11-15 and least growth rate of merely 0.76 percent registered in 6-10. It is clear from the analysis, 16-20 has recorded higher growth rate than the sectoral growth rate of 5.24 percent, indicating want to spend more on capital instead of labour.

OUTPUT

Table 4 presents data on the output of the spices processing industry in Tiruchirappalli district during the period 1990 to 2012. In the initial period, spices processing industry produced for Rs.447.26 lakh by all the product groups and the output has considerably increased to Rs. 1,799.36 lakh at the end of study period with the growth rate of 6.62 percent.

Product group-wise output in the starting period, 6-10 produced for Rs.206.48 lakh followed by 11-15 (Rs.135.49 lakh) and upto 5 (Rs.105.29 lakh). In the end of study period output in the manufacturing of various product groups were: upto 5 produced for Rs.484.80 lakh, 6-10 produced for Rs.434.84 lakh, above 20 produced for Rs.347.87 lakh, 16-20 produced for Rs.269.94 lakh and 11-15 produced for Rs.261.91 lakh. From 1990 to 2012, product group-wise growth rate as follows: prominent growth rate of 7.35 percent in upto 5, 4.03 percent in 16-20, 3.24 percent in 11-15, 2.11 percent in 6-10 and least growth rate of 1.86 percent noticed in above 20. Among the product groups, upto 5 had recorded higher growth rate than the sectoral growth rate of 6.62 percent.

Increased the demand for value-added spices products enhanced the development of the spices processing industry in Tiruchirappalli district. Hence manufacture of spices processing industry had got a good scope. Changing lifestyles, food habits, organized food retail and urbanization are the key factors responsible for the impressive growth rate of this industry in Tiruchirappalli district.

TABLE 4: OUTPUT (Rs. in lakh)								
SI. No.	Year/Units	Upto 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	>20	Total	
1	1990	105.29	206.48	135.49			447.26	
2	1991	108.09	216.98	138.99			464.06	
3	1992	103.28	229.79	143.26			476.33	
4	1993	105.74	237.14	145.71			488.59	
5	1994	108.88	246.50	148.83			504.21	
6	1995	253.65	153.65	126.83	116.83		650.96	
7	1996	223.59	235.38	111.79	121.79		692.55	
8	1997	231.55	131.56	115.78	201.58		680.47	
9	1998	241.89	141.87	120.93	241.87		746.56	
10	1999	335.10	123.40	111.70	223.46		793.66	
11	2000	358.30	109.43	119.43	129.93	238.87	955.96	
12	2001	259.45	159.45	129.92	131.72	259.45	939.99	
13	2002	137.12	211.36	137.12	139.02	274.24	898.86	
14	2003	134.05	224.21	130.05	131.05	262.11	881.47	
15	2004	135.72	171.44	270.44	201.49	221.34	1000.43	
16	2005	367.08	267.08	188.54	180.56	181.83	1185.09	
17	2006	376.23	182.17	198.11	282.17	188.71	1227.39	
18	2007	514.20	170.41	250.10	267.20	174.49	1376.40	
19	2008	503.01	251.51	167.67	335.34	187.07	1444.60	
20	2009	425.60	340.48	205.36	215.38	235.06	1421.88	
21	2010	427.56	256.57	236.54	226.14	342.05	1488.86	
22	2011	546.44	334.19	234.10	239.11	312.25	1666.09	
23	2012	484.80	434.84	261.91	269.94	347.87	1799.36	
C.G.R 7.35 2.11 3.24 4.03 1.86 6.62						6.62		
Source: Compiled from the records of DIC, Tiruchirappalli								

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF GROWTH RATES

Table 5 presents the selected growth indicators for the period of 1990 to 2012. The overall growth rate of spices processing industry was 6.11 percent. The sectoral growth rate of number of enterprises, gross block, employment and output by all the product groups were order of 7.43 percent 5.16 percent, 5.24 percent and 6.62 percent respectively. Among the different growth indicators, number of enterprises has registered the highest growth rate (7.43 percent) followed by output (6.62 percent) and employment (5.24 percent).

TABLE 5: COMPARATIVE	ANALYSIS OF	GROWTH RATES

Sl. No.	Units	No. of Enterprises (C.G.R)	Gross Block (C.G.R)	Employment (C.G.R)	Output (C.G.R)	Overall Growth Rate (%)	
1	Upto 5	8.71	4.32	4.04	7.35	6.11	
2	6 - 10	1.31	1.41	0.76	2.11	1.40	
3	11 -15	6.27	2.05	2.65	3.24	3.55	
4	16-20	7.17	1.81	5.57	4.03	4.65	
5	>20	6.59	5.70	5.12	1.86	4.82	
Total		7.43	5.16	5.24	6.62	6.11	
Source: Compiled from the records of DIC, Tiruchirappalli							

CONCLUSION

All the indicators also noticed significant growth during the period under review. From the analysis, it is witnessed that the performance of spices processing industry has grown drastically in the study period. Sharp rise in demand for instant mixes for home consumption and availability of suitable raw-materials are the main reasons for fine growth rate. Hence manufacture of instant mixes had got a good scope. Changing lifestyles, food habits, organized food retail and urbanization are the key factors responsible for the impressive growth rate of this product group in Tiruchirappalli district.

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