

Indian spice names: English and Hindi

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English	Hindi	Also called
Asafoetida	Hing	Perungayam (Tamil)
Black cardamom	Badi elaichi	Kali elaichi
Black cumin	Shahi jeera	Kala jeera
Black pepper	Kali mirch	Milagu (Tamil)
Black salt	Kala namak	Sanchal
Carom seeds	Ajwain	Omam (Tamil), bishop's weed
Cashews (for gravies)	Kaju	Godambi
Cinnamon and cassia	Dalchini	Taj
Cloves	Laung	Lavang
Coriander seed	Dhania	Sabut dhania, dhaniya
Cumin	Jeera	Zeera
Curry leaves	Kadi patta	Karuveppilai (Tamil)
Dried coconut	Nariyal, khopra	Copra, desiccated coconut
Dried fenugreek leaves	Kasuri methi	Kasoori methi
Dried mint	Pudina	Sukha pudina
Dried pomegranate seeds	Anardana	Anar dana
Dried red chillies	Sabut lal mirch	Vatral (Tamil)
Dried rose petals	Gulab pankhudi	Gulkand is the sweet preserve
Dry ginger	Saunth	Sonth, chukku (Tamil)
Dry mango powder	Amchur	Amchoor
Fennel seed	Saunf	Badi saunf, varyali
Fenugreek seed	Methi dana	Vendhayam (Tamil)
Green cardamom	Elaichi	Chhoti elaichi
Indian bay leaf	Tej patta	Tamal patra
Jaggery	Gur	Vellam (Tamil), gud
Kapok buds	Marathi moggu	Kapok buds
Kashmiri chilli	Kashmiri mirch	Kashmiri lal mirch
Kokum	Kokum	Amsol
Long pepper	Pippali	Pipli
Mace	Javitri	Jaypatri
Mustard seed	Rai, sarson	Kadugu (Tamil), avalu (Telugu)
Nigella seeds	Kalonji	Mangrail, kalo jeera (Bengali)
Nutmeg	Jaiphal	Jathikka (Malayalam)
Red chilli powder	Lal mirch	Lal mirch powder

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Saffron	Kesar	Zafraan
Sesame seeds	Til	Ellu (Tamil)
Split black gram (for tempering)	Urad dal	Ulundu (Tamil)
Split chickpeas (for tempering)	Chana dal	Kadalai paruppu (Tamil)
Star anise	Chakri phool	Badian
Stone flower	Dagad phool	Kalpasi (Tamil)
Tamarind	Imli	Puli (Tamil)
Turmeric	Haldi	Halad
White poppy seeds	Khus khus	Posto (Bengali)
Whole garam masala	Khada masala	Sabut garam masala