

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding promoting export of agricultural products.-Laid

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY (NANDYAL): With only 2.4% of the world's land and 4% of its water resources, India supports 17.84% of the world's population and 15% of the livestock population. It is encouraging that India's role in global agricultural exports is steadily increasing. According to World Trade Organization trade data, India's agricultural and allied exports during 2019-20 were Rs. 2.52 lakh Crores. India's share of global agricultural exports has increased from 1% a few years ago to 3.1% in 2019. Recent growth rates show that agri-food production is increasing faster than domestic demand, and the volume of surplus for export is increasing rapidly. This provides scope and opportunity for capturing overseas markets in order to earn money. India needs a direct export channel for farmers to revitalize the entire value chain, from export-oriented farm production and processing to transportation, infrastructure, and market access. A framework for sustainable agriculture, on the one hand, and a viable agriculture export policy on the other hand have a mutually beneficial relationship.

Hence, it is necessary to develop a policy that will directly benefit the farmers by providing them with vital opportunities to export their products overseas.