

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 09/08/2023

EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has potential to become largest exporter of fruits and vegetables if so, the steps taken by the Government to achieve this target;
- (b) the constraints faced by the Government while boosting export of fruits and vegetables;
- (c) the contribution of fruits and vegetables in the overall export of country;
- (d) the details of export of fruits and vegetables to other countries during last three years and current year;
- (e) whether export of certain fruits and vegetables has come down in the current financial year in comparison to previous three years and if so, details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government has any data of area-specific production of fruits that are exported out of the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and current year; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to enhance the exports of fruits and vegetables from the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): India has sizeable production of fruits and vegetables, but our efforts to become largest exporter of fruits and vegetables are bound by domestic consumption considerations, governed by our large population. The constraints faced by the Government while boosting export of fruits and vegetables are limited exportable surplus; market access issues; non-tariff measures adopted by the importing countries etc.

(c): The contribution of fruits and vegetables in the overall export of the country was 0.74% in 2022-23.

(d): Details of export of fruits and vegetables, during last three years and current year, are as under:

Values in USD Million

DESCRIPTION	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (Apr-Jun)
FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	125.16	113.34	118.42	37.50
FRESH FRUITS	768.54	877.22	863.74	270.28
FRESH VEGETABLES	723.97	815.26	924.92	204.50
PROCESSED VEGETABLES	424.70	412.29	508.96	139.43
PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	695.56	778.30	908.09	178.30
TOTAL	2737.93	2996.42	3324.13	830.01
Source:DGCI&S				

(e): Overall exports of fresh fruits during the first quarter (Apr-June) of 2023-24 amounted to USD 270.28 million compared to USD 215.56 million during corresponding period of 2022-23 registering a growth of 25.38%. Similarly, export of fresh vegetables has registered a growth of 5.7% with exports of USD 204.50 million during the current year as compared to USD 193.47 million during 2022-23. However, export of certain fruits and vegetables such as oranges and citrus fruits, apples, tomatoes etc has declined mainly due to higher freight and logistics costs and high import duty imposed by countries, especially Bangladesh, which is a major destination for export.

(f) & (g): The production details of major fruit crops of Tamil Nadu, during the past three years, are as under:

Qty. in Thousand MT

Name	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (1 st Advance Estimates)
Banana	3895.65	3953.67	4236.96
Mango	639.64	943.37	943.37
Watermelon	315.19	454.66	454.66
Guava	92.61	363.07	363.07
Citrus Fruits	63.26	241.84	241.84
Papaya	13.64	221.98	221.98

Aonla/Gooseberry	173.93	205.70	205.70
Jack Fruit	69.01	138.51	138.51
Other Fruits	170.95	244.70	244.70
TOTAL FRUITS	5433.87	6767.50	7050.79

Source: Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Promotion of exports of fruits and vegetables is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has the mandate to promote exports of fruits and vegetables. APEDA provides financial and technical assistance to the exporters of fruits and vegetables under various components of its export promotion scheme viz. Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development. APEDA assists exporters in promoting exports of its scheduled products, including fruits and vegetables by organising buyer-seller meets (BSMs); participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions; taking up the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Market Access issues with the importing countries; and regular interactions with the Indian Missions to tap export opportunities in various countries.
