

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1304
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
SUBSIDIES TO MEAT EXPORTERS
MD ANWARUL HAQUE;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Animal Rights International made a demand to set up a committee to evaluate socio-economic problems arising due to export of Meat and Meat products;
- (b) the details of subsidies paid for export of Meat/Meat products by APEDA or any other organisation with amounts paid to each exporter;
- (c) whether the subsidies is being paid violating WTO obligations;
- (d) if so, the reasons for giving subsidy to the meat exporters; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to set up the expert committee in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) APEDA has formulated various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to the exporters of scheduled products of APEDA including meat and meat products for various developmental and promotional activities. The financial assistance extended by APEDA to various exporters of meat and meat products during 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as follows:

Payments made during 1997-98

1. Scheme for Development of infrastructure:

Al-Shadab Exports Rs. 1,50,000

2. Scheme for assistance to promote quality and quality control

i. Fair Exports(I) Pvt. Ltd.	Rs. 2,04,767
ii. Office of the Dy. Director(Quality Control) Deptt. of Animal Husbandry Govt. of Maharashtra.	Rs. 5,00,000
iii Allana Investment & Trading Co. Ltd.	Rs. 1,04,557
iv. Allana Cold Storage Ltd.	Rs. 23,535
v. Frigorifico Allana Ltd.	Rs. 75,880
Total	Rs. 9,08,739

3. Upgradation of meat plants

i. AIMLEA(for upgradation of Deonar Abattoir, Mumbai)	Rs. 11,88,327
ii. MAFCO Ltd.	Rs. 19,58,176
Total	Rs. 31,46,503

Payments made during the period 1998-99

Development of Infrastructure

01. Premraj Cold Storage Spl Transport Rs.2,50,000/-
Pvt. Ltd. Unit

Export Promotion and Market Development

01. Hind Agro Industries Ltd. Literature Rs, 80,000/-

Upgradation of Meat Plant

01. Al-Kabeer Exports Ltd. Upgradation of Meat plant Rs.10,28,066/-

India does not maintain any prohibited subsidies and the assistance which is being provided by APEDA is compatible with India's obligations in WTO.

c) The question does not arise

d) Exports of meat and meat products constitute only about 4% of the national production. A separate assessment of socio-economic problems arising due to export of meat and meat products by a committee proposed by the Animal Rights International would, therefore, serve no useful purpose.