

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF FRESH FRUITS/DRY FRUITS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the revenue earned by the country through the export of fresh fruits/dry fruits during each of the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote the export of fresh fruits and dry fruits; and
- (c) the details of the subsidy provided to the producers of fresh and dry fruits during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

a) The total value of exports of fresh fruits and dry fruits during the last three years are as follows:

Period Total value of exports (Rs. Crores)

2000-01	2737.72
2001-02	2485.34
2002-03 (April to February)	2605.05

(Source: DGCI&S)

b) Steps taken by the Government to promote exports of fresh fruits and dry fruits include, inter alia, participation in important trade fairs overseas abroad, organizing Buyer-Seller Meets, setting up of Agri Export Zones in various States, setting up pack houses with multiple activities for maintaining the quality and increasing the shelf life during storage and transport, transport by reefer containers for export to Middle East and South East Asian countries and providing financial assistance to exporters under various Plan schemes for export promotion of fruits and vegetables etc.

c) Total subsidy provided to various exporters under financial assistance schemes of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) during the last three years are as under:

Period Total subsidy (Rs. Lakhs)

2000-01	646.21
2001-02	1011.70
2002-03	878.56

(Source: APEDA)