

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

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

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in `The Economic Times` dated December 21, 1999 captioned, `Farm goods dip to 15% of total exports`;
- (b) if so, whether there has been gradual decline in the exports of agricultural products;
- (c) if so, the total value of the said exports during each of the last three years and the percentage it constitute of the total value of exports from the Country, separately;
- (d) whether the Government have ascertained the reasons for continuous decline in its percentage; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) International trade in agricultural commodities is dependent on prevailing international demand coinciding with domestic ability to supply, prevailing world prices of commodities, the varieties being traded and consumer preferences. The country's total exports and agricultural exports (in terms of value Rs. in crores) and the percentage share of export of agricultural products to total exports during the last four years is as under:-

Export of Agricultural Products

Year	Country's total Exports (Rs. in crores)	Agricultural Exports (Rs. in crores)	% share of Agricultural Exports against Country's total exports
1995-96	106353.35	17496.40	16.45
1996-97	118817.31	24362.57	20.50
1997-98	126285.76	23798.37	18.80
1998-99	141604	25225	17.81