

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION OF EGG AND MEAT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India ranked fifth in the world in production of eggs and meat;
- (b) if so, whether the export value of eggs and meat for India is only next to United States of America and Brazil which are the lowest one and is a great cause of concern;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to develop/improve the infrastructure base to develop capability to adjust stringent and changing safety standards by creating a proper testing system?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): India has the fifth rank in respect of chicken meat production and sixth in respect of egg production.
- (b) & (c): the export value of total poultry products for 2002-03 and 2003-04 is Rs.156.47 crores and Rs.202.40 crores respectively. The value of export of egg and egg products for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are Rs.80.98 crores, Rs.127.54 crores and Rs.152.99 crores respectively.

As per the Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) data for 2003, the value of export of chicken meat and eggs for USA, Brazil and India compare as follows:

(Value Thousand \$)

Product	USA	Brazil	India
Chicken Meat	1517377	1709743	4422
Hen Eggs	121035	4183	29912

U.S.A. and Brazil are among the top chicken exporting countries. Netherlands and USA are among top hen egg exporters in terms of value (FAO data).

To boost the exports, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is extending air freight and sea freight subsidy to certain poultry products. Assistance for infrastructure facilities for processing, packing, storing, preservation and marketing is given by Ministry of Food Processing Industry. Under the scheme for infrastructure Development grant-in-aid is provided to local bodies for Cold Storage facilities.

(d): The Government has taken the following steps:-

(i) Standards for export of meat and meat-products and poultry products under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 have been notified.

(ii) APEDA has recognised six agencies for implementation of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) and three agencies

for certification of HACCP.

(iii) The Export Inspection Council of India (EIC) have a network of laboratories. The main Food laboratories are in Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Kochi and Mumbai. The main laboratories other than the one at Delhi (which is for food grain testing), are equipped to cater to the analytical requirements of poultry products.

(iv) The Food Safety Management System based Certification is applied to many products including egg and poultry products.