

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

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

- (a) the details of processed items exported to foreign countries during each of the last three years alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) whether Food processing Industries/Agro Processing Industries have potential for export of processed food in the World market:
- (c) if so, the details thereof and agreement signed with foreign countries country-wise during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the export of processed foods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) The major processed food items exported during the last three years include dried and preserved vegetables, mango pulp, pickle & chutney, buffalo meat, poultry products, dairy products, groundnuts, guar gum and cereals. Major destinations for Indian processed food and the value of export is given below.

(Value: Rupees in crores)

Country	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Bangladesh	1377.73	2226.89	2134.21
Germany	181.17	210.49	256.84
Indonesia	899.37	668.44	292.27
Republic of Korea	114	105.79	150.03
Kuwait	262.55	270.35	410.42
Malaysia	897.47	777.53	843.99
Nepal	70.82	175.39	150.98
Saudi Arabia	1269.78	1421.02	2251.45
South Africa	774.02	281.54	541.58
United Arab Emirates	589.44	925.88	1007.32
United Kingdom	371.73	415.56	489.82
United States of America	790.54	703.91	687.94

Source: APEDA

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Export of processed food is not incumbent on agreements with the importing countries. However, wherever required agreements are concluded. As for instance, agreements were reached with Egypt and Saudi Arabia for export of frozen buffalo meat, Saudi Arabia for export of sheep and goat meat, China for export of mango and grapes and the European Union for equivalence for organic products.

(d) Measures taken by the Government to promote export of processed food include participation in exhibitions, promotional campaigns, development of packaging standards, setting up of infrastructure and implementation of pesticide residue monitoring plans.