

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT SHARE OF HORTICULTURE PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the export of horticulture produce during each of the last three years and thereafter alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) whether India`s share in the international market is negligible with regard to export of horticulture products;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to give special emphasis on export of horticulture produces and enhance export share in the International market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) Details of the export of horticulture produce to the major importing countries is given below:

(Quantity in metric tons:Value: Rupees in lakhs)
Country 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

Bangladesh	146537.14	11750.16	456138.92	40126.32	478596.57	41096.05
United Arab Emirates	178755.78	19291.10	179105.05	22548.25	177212.84	19864.58
Malaysia	160097.22	12165.51	178077.92	16159.63	163162.31	12441.12
United Kingdom	19648.04	8059.01	16308.20	7401.69	17502.37	7957.51
Sri Lanka	138600.65	8438.73	114858.40	9239.30	105776.86	6914.09
Nepal	44678.63	2075.96	128146.93	6413.86	124498.61	6574.73
Netherlands	9925.06	3849.95	9059.27	3792.89	10830.87	5420.25
Saudi Arabia	37422.11	5050.16	33437.66	5275.14	26141.25	4506.75
Baharain	33524.32	2758.56	34009.95	3466.11	27766.21	2745.28
United States of America.	25833.25	5689.26	13148.52	3589.69	7517.92	2379.46

(Source: APEDA)

- (b)& (c) India`s share of horticulture produce in the international markets is about 1 %. Lack of quality, infrastructure, market access and low productivity are among the reasons for the small share in the international market.

(d) The steps to enhance export share of horticulture produce in the international market include financial incentives to exporters through the schemes of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority for Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development, Research and Development and Transport Assistance. Agri Export Zones to promote export of horticulture have also been set up in different States.