

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:79

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REDUCTION OF AIR FREIGHT COST OF FLORICULTURE PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.961 dated February 27, 2006 regarding Reduction of Air Freight Cost for Flowers and state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken a final decision on the request of Government of Karnataka regarding reduction of air freight cost of floriculture products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has been advised to take advantage of transport assistance for exporting horticulture items under the existing Transport Assistance Scheme of APEDA. The following norms of air freight assistance have been approved by the Government for export of fresh cut flowers for financial year 2005-06 & 2006-07 and the air freight assistance is provided to the exporters limited to:

a) 20% of FoB value

b) 25% of freight

c) specific rate (Rs. per kg.)

whichever is least