

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the share of fruits export hold by the Indian Exporters in the World market;
- (b) whether import of Indian fruits has been banned by some countries due to dangerous pests;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Union Government thereon and the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): Share of Indian fruits in the world market in the year 2003 is given below:

Total world export    35674 million US\$  
Export from India    547.35 million US\$  
% share of India in the world market 1.53%

Source: UN Commodities Trade Statistics

(b) Yes, Sir. Some countries have banned import of Indian fruits owing to presence of pests.

(c)&(d): Import of mangoes and some other Indian fruits has been banned by some countries including Australia and Japan owing to presence of fruit flies and other pests. As part of the ongoing process, the concerns of these countries are being addressed and sanitary and phyto-sanitary protocols concluded to enable export of fruits.