

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1840
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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present level of production in MT of apple, orange, sweetlime, grape, cashewnut, coconut, pomegranate, almond, litchi, chikoo during the last one year fruit-wise;
- (b) the details of fruits exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;
- (c) the fruits imported and amount spent thereon during the said period, fruit-wise;
- (d) the percentage of export to production and the measures taken by the Government to increase the export;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to double the present level of production in next 8-10 years;
- (f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (g) whether the plantation will be covered under E.G.S. scheme; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The available data on production of fruits during the year 2002-03 is as under:-

Commodity Production in 000` MT

Apple	1348.4
Orange	1136.6
Sweetlime	785.3
Grapes	1247.8
Cashewnut	460.0
Coconut	12141 (Million nut)
Pomegranate	500.84
Almond	11.9
Litchi	476.4
Chikoo	913.1

(b): The export of fruits during last year was 243047.39 MT with the value of Rs.489.11 crores.

(c): The fruits imported and amount spent thereon during the last year (2003-04) is as under:-

Commodity Amount Rs. in lakhs

Apple	5368.44
Almond	24723.31
Cashewnut	362.3
Coconut	4.85
Grapes	254.85
Orange	110.70
Other fruits	50.23

(d): Percentage of export to production was 0.56 during last year. The measures taken up by the Government to increase the export by providing financial assistance for development of market, infrastructure, quality development and extending transport assistance to exporters and setting up of Agri Export Zones (AEZ) for various horticulture produce through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

(e)&(f): The Government is planning to launch a National Horticulture Mission during the 10th Plan with the main objective of doubling the horticulture production by 2011-12.

(g)&(h): There is no proposal to cover the plantation under E.G.S. scheme.