

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:118

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EXPORT OF FRUITS

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

- (a) the share of Indian fruits including mangoes in world production and trade;
- (b) the quantity and value of various fruits imported and exported from various countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and item-wise;
- (c) whether the ban imposed by the Government of the United States of America on Indian mangoes has been lifted;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for promoting the export of fruits?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

a)to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 118 FOR ANSWER ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2009 REGARDING " EXPORT OF FRUITS"

- (a) India is the second largest producer of fruits in the world after China and has a share of 12% in global production.
- (b) The quantity and value of various Fruits imported and exported from various countries during each of the last three years and the current years, country-wise and item-wise is available on Export Import Data Bank of the Department of Commerce's website at commerce@gov.in.
- (c)&(d) Yes, Sir. The United State of America has granted market access to Indian mangoes with effect from 26th April, 2007. United States of America has accepted the import of Indian mangoes after irradiation process to mitigate fruit flies. The Krushi Utpadan Sanrakshan Kendra (KRUSHAK) facility of the Board of Radiation & Isotope Technology (BRIT), at Lasalgaon is the approved facility for irradiation of mangoes for export to USA.
- (e) The Government of India through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) extending financial assistance to the exporters, PSUs and State Governments etc. under its six plan schemes like:
 - (1) Scheme for Infrastructure Development (2) Scheme for Quality Development (3) Scheme for Market Development (4) Scheme for Research & Development (5) Scheme for Transport Assistance (6) Marketing Development Assistance.

Apart from the above efforts are also being made to obtain Market Access for fresh fruits & vegetables in several countries. Protocols have also been signed with General Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) for Market Access for grapes, bitter gourd and mangoes. 21 Agri Export Zones in 11 states in the country have also be set up for overall development of supply and value chain of the identified produce by creating common Infrastructure facilities. APEDA also participates in International Trade Fairs to popularise and showcase Indian fruits and vegetable.