

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

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EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether export of fresh fruits and vegetables from the country in the current year was more than the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, quantity-wise and value-wise during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced any scheme/devised a strategy to provide financial assistance to increase production of fruits and vegetables to boost their exports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has held talks with producers or made any assessment regarding the potential of export of fruits and vegetables from the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

a)& b) Yes, Madam. The details of exports of fruits and vegetables from the country during the last three years are as under:-

b)(Qty:MTs; Value: Rs. lakh)

Products	2007-08 (Apr.-Sept.08)	2008-09 (Apr.-Sept.09)	2008-09#	2009-10#
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Quant	Value	Quant	Value	Quant	Value	Quant	Value
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Vegetables	1258843	152527	2175471	250772	NA	98485	NA	129385
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Fruits	265731	91185	470795	115143	NA	93274	NA	106485
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Source: APEDA, Provisional, NA- Not Available

c)& d) The Government has been extending financial assistance to registered exporters, through APEDA, as a measure to encourage the exports of commodities including fruits & vegetables. APEDA through its Scheme for Infrastructure Development, Scheme for Quality Development, Scheme for Market Development and Scheme for Research & Development has been making efforts to increase exports including that of fruits & vegetables. Government has announced the Scheme of National Horticulture Mission for holistic development of horticulture sector and is providing financial assistance to farmers for taking-up activities to promote horticulture products. The State Governments are also promoting the production of horticulture products.

e)& f): Based on the past export performance Government through APEDA has set a target of export of fresh fruits and vegetables at

Rs. 4115 Crores in 2010-11.