GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3669 ANSWERED ON:19.04.2010 EXPORT OF PERISHABLE ITEMS Rane Dr. Nilesh Narayan

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

- (a) the details of quantity and value of export of perishable items including groundnut during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has lifted ban on export of some of the perishable items keeping in view the interest of the farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action being taken by the Government to encourage export of these items especially processed food items and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The details of exports of perishable items like vegetables, fruits, groundnuts, floriculture, livestock products etc., both in quantity and value, are as under:

Quantity in MTs; Value: Rs. in crores

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Products 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 (P#) (Apr.- Nov.)
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Vegetables 1655198 1596.45 1358843 1525.27 2175471 2507.72 1349955 1602.22

Fruits 347660 871.87 365732 911.86 470795 1151.43 240277 697.91

Groundnuts 251429 798.46 269588 1054.08 297890 1239.01 106687 427.75

Floriculture 42545 652.70 36241 340.14 30798 368.81 18136 186.67

Livestock 1258861 4050.53 1919379 5023.01 1630345 6754.01 790180 3488.53

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(b to c): The export of perishable items are permitted freely under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP)

(d): The Government has been coordinating with export promotion agencies such as Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Export Inspection Council(EIC) by providing necessary technical inputs and financial assistance. APEDA through its schemes for Infrastructure Development Scheme for Quality Development, Scheme for Market Development and the Scheme for Research & Development has been making efforts to expand export of products including processed food items. As a result of these measures; the exports of perishable items have increased from Rs. 7970.01 crores during 2006-07 to Rs. 12020.98 crores during 2008-09.