

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INDIA S SHARE IN GLOBAL FOOD TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether share of India in the overall food trade of the world is comparatively low;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to raise the share of India in the overall food trade of the world and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b): Yes, Madam. India's share in the overall food trade is less than 1.5%. Some of the important reasons for such low share are domestic self sufficiency requirements, low level of commercialization of agriculture, low productivity, weak market orientation, small and marginal land holdings, lack of infrastructure and lack of advance technology.

(c): For promotion of India's exports of food products, the Government has been coordinating with the export promotion agencies such as Agricultural and Process Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Export Inspection Council (EIC) etc. by providing necessary technical inputs and financial assistance for gaining market access of India's food products. In order to boost exports, the Government provides various incentives for infrastructure development, quality control, market development and incentive for promotion, packaging, publicity, information dissemination, etc. The value of export of food products has substantially increased during the period of 2006-07 to 2008-09 from Rs. 39,344.68 Crores to 65,772.07 Crores.