

**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) the details of quantum and value of export of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the names of countries to which fruits and vegetables are exported and the quantity thereof;
- (c) whether the percentage of export of fruits and vegetables is satisfactory vis-a-vis the production thereof;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment about the import of Genetically Modified (GM) crops on such exports; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) The details of export of fruits and vegetables as reported by APEDA during the years 2006-07,2007-08 and 2008-09 (Apr. 08-Jan.09) are as follows:

Quantity in MTs, Value in Rs. lakh

Products	2006-07 (Apr. 08-Jan.09)	2007-08	2008-09
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	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
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Total Veg	1655198	159645	1358841	152527	167659	186582
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Total Frts	347660	87188	365732	91186	349547	79599
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Total F&V	2002858	246833	1724573	243733	2026145	266181
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Source: APEDA-DGCIS

The export data is not maintained state wise.

(b) The details of exports of fruits and vegetables to various countries are as follows: Quantity in MTs, Value in Rs. lakh

Country	2006-07 (Apr.08-Jan. 09)	2007-08	2008-09			
Quant	Value	Quant	Value	Quant	Value	
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BANGLADESH	555,601.06	46,931.15	502,231.24	56,079.05	689192.66	70977.03
U A E	379,171.72	48,881.66	283,024.64	43,067.26	300321.40	47590.95
MALAYSIA	326,428.31	28,308.24	203,733.68	21,055.25	240996.98	26741.18
PAKISTAN	122,755.71	11,795.63	114,030.16	13,119.27	167529.78	14907.70
SRI LANKA	165,254.26	14,947.15	141,940.45	11,712.61	147755.88	15644.94
NEPAL	125,694.60	7,126.55	153,633.62	9,205.31	143348.95	8248.47
Others	3,27,952.00	88,842.18	3,25,979.81	89,472.83	3,37,000.37	82,069.82
Total	2002857.66	246832.56	1724573.60	243711.58	2026146.02	266180.09

Source: APEDA-DGCIS

(c-d) As compared to a production of 126 million MTs of vegetables in India during 2007-08, export is only 1.72 million MTs which is 1.36% of total production. Similarly, in fruits, against a production of 65.3 million tonnes, export of 2 million tonnes reflects a share of 3.06%. The low share in exports vis-À-vis production is because of several factors which include high domestic consumption, fragmented food supply chain, small land holdings, lack of appropriate infrastructure, high cost of logistics, difficulties in meeting global standards, high international transportation costs, etc.

(e-f) No, Madam.