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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 there has been an increase in the export of fruits and vegetables from the country;
- (b) if so, the details and quantum and value of export of vegetables during the last three years;and
- (c) the efforts being made to promote export of fruits and vegetables?

Answer

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

(a & b) The details of quantum and value of exports of fruits & vegetables during the last three years are given below:

Quantum in: MTs, Value in: Rs. Crores

Commodity	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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	Quantum	Value	Quantum	Value	Quantum	Value
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Fresh Fruits	365732	912	470796	1151	475363	1467
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Fresh Vegetables	1358842	1525	2175472	2508	2084164	3051
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Source: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

(c) The Government extends financial assistance through APEDA to promote the export of agricultural products, including fruits & vegetables under its schemes to the exporters registered with APEDA; namely, i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development, ii) Scheme for Quality Development, iii) Scheme for Market Development, iv) Scheme for Research & Development and v) Marketing Development Assistance. Under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojna (VKGUY) of the Department of Commerce, Duty Credit Script benefits are granted to the exporters with an aim to compensate high transport costs and offset other disadvantages for the exports of notified products, which includes fruits & vegetables at a rate equivalent to 5% of FOB value. To boost the exports of fruits & Vegetables, an additional 2% over and above prescribed rate is granted. The 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.