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EXPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether providing exemption in export of agro produce and vegetables will create shortage in the domestic market, leading to upsurge in their prices; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government to ensure their adequate availability in domestic market?

Answer

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

(a & b) As per the National Horticulture Board (NHB) production data base 2009 and export data of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), the share of export of total vegetables in 2008-09 was only 1.69% of its total production. Since the share of export of vegetables is insignificant, therefore, it is not likely to affect the prices in the domestic market.

As regard essential commodities, the Government from time to time reviews the domestic situation of availability/deficit/surplus of these commodities in various Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) and Committee of Secretaries (CoS) meetings and then decides on allowing or putting ban/restriction on exports of agricultural commodities depending upon several factors like domestic demand and supply position, price trends of agricultural commodities in domestic market, the demand and supply situation in the international market, price trend in international market and the welfare of common men.