

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES UNDER APEDA

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

(a) the details of financial assistance schemes that are operational under Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA);

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any review to ensure the financial assistance schemes are serving the purposes for which they are intended; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is operating five plan schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it, namely; i) Scheme for Market Development; ii) Scheme for Quality Development; iii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development; iv) Scheme for Research and Development; and v) Transport Assistance Scheme.

(b-c) The Government undertakes review of the performance of APEDA including each of these schemes from time to time. During the last five years, APEDA has fully utilized its plan funds towards the implementation of its schemes, resulting in almost doubling the export value of APEDA products to Rs.34686.87 crores in 2009-10 which constitutes 46% of total agri exports from the country.