

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India is a large producer of fruits and vegetables;
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof;
- (c) whether the share of India in the world trade of fruits and vegetables is less in comparison to other countries of the world despite huge production of fruits and vegetables in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the position of the country in world trade of the said commodities?

**Answer**

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. India ranks second in the global production of fruits and vegetables next to China. The comparative details of production of fruits and vegetables in India and other countries of the world during 2008-09 are as follows:-

Fruits	Vegetables		
Country	Production (MT)	Country	Production (MT)
China	107.83	China	457.73
India	68.46	India	129.07
Brazil	39.98	USA	36.43
USA	28.20	Turkey	27.13
Italy	17.65	Iran	16.17
World	578.19	World	966.29

Source: Indian Horticulture Database 2009 of NHB

(c) & (d): India's share in fruits and vegetables trade in the world is only 0.17% and 0.51% respectively.

(e): Government of India has taken following steps to boost export of the said commodities:-

# Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) encourages exporters to participate with it in the International Trade Fairs for augmenting export opportunities.

# APEDA has been regularly organizing mango promotion programmes in various destinations such as Germany, UK, UAE, Sweden, Poland, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc.

# With the objective of making Indian mango exports cost competitive in the global market, APEDA has evolved a sea protocol in consultation with trade, scientists etc., the exporters are being encouraged to ship the mangoes by sea following the protocol.

# In addition to the above, APEDA has been extending financial assistance to exporters of fruits and vegetables under Scheme for Infrastructure Development for sorting/grading lines etc., intermediate storage sheds, integrated pack houses, reefer vans, pre cooling facilities, high humidity cold stores. APEDA has also been extending financial assistance to PSUs/State Government agencies for setting up common infrastructure facilities such as Common Perishable Centres (CPCs) at various airports. The sub-schemes under this are as below:

(a) Scheme for Quality Development for strengthening in house laboratory testing facilities and implementation of quality systems viz., HACCP, ISO, Kosher, GAP etc.

(b) Scheme for Market Development for brand publicity of the product in global market, packaging, feasibility studies, etc.

(c) Scheme for Research & Development for extending financial support for R&D projects for export enhancement.

(d) Transport Assistance scheme for mitigating the high freight costs.

(e) Market Development assistance for extending the financial assistance on travel cost/ stall cost to exporters for participation in International Trade Fairs along with APEDA.