GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major processed food items being exported to different countries;
- (b) the amount of foreign exchange earned through export of processed food items during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to boost export of processed food?

Answer

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

(a & b) The details of major processed food items being exported to different countries and the foreign exchange earned through such exports are as given below:

Value in US \$ Million

Processed Food Items 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 Value Value Value

Other Processed Fruits & Vegetables 237.97 298.28 302.85

Groundnuts 260.52 269.41 300.83

Guargum 278.24 291.15 239.08

Cereal Preparations 167.41 239.38 213.83

Mango Pulp 125.97 163.73 157.09

Miscellaneous Preperations 117.27 128.66 146.47

Alcoholic And Non-Alcoholic Beverages 83.68 117.97 124.37

Dried And Preserved Vegetables 106.26 107.94 112.25

Pulses 135.69 117.92 86.14

Jaggery And Confectionery 694.68 435.93 49.2

Cocoa Products 10.44 18.27 20.46

Total 2218.13 2188.64 1752.57

Source: APEDA

(c) Encouraging export is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage export of processed food through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Export Promotion Councils. APEDA under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce implements various Schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost the overall agri exports. Under these schemes APEDA provides assistance for creation of infrastructure facilities, R&D support, freight subsidy to compensate the high international transportation costs coupled with high costs of storage and inland transportation etc. Further, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities(ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana, Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence, etc. Trade delegations are also sent abroad and Buyer-Seller meets are organized towards this end.