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EXPORT OF FOOD

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

- (a) the details regarding growth in food exports during the last three years;
- (b) the details regarding various incentives being given to the exporters and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government export vegetables to other countries which do not impose duties;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) Details of food exports (including processed fruits & vegetables, animal products and other processed foods & cereals) for the last three years are given below:

Rs. crore

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

28951.22 32146.46 29867.77

Source: APEDA

(b) Encouraging export is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage export of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Further, in order to boost export of Indian products, 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 sent abroad and Buyer-Seller meets are organized towards this end. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce is also implementing various Schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost the overall agri exports.

(c) The Government does not export vegetables.

(d) Does not arise.