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EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOODS

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

- (a) whether the food processing industry has contributed in enhancement of export from the country;
- (b) if so, the details of annual growth rate of export during the last three years;
- (c) the quantum and value of processed food exported by these companies during the last three years;
- (d) the names of countries to which the processed food is being exported; and
- (e) the incentives being given to the exporters of processed food?

Answer

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

(a to c) Yes, Madam. The details of growth rate and value of processed foods are as given below:

Rs. crore

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Growth rate 4.23% 44.84% 11.37%

Value 5804.40 8407.19 9362.79

Source: DGCIS

(d) The Processed food products are exported to all regions of the world however, the top 10 destinations include:

1) United States 2) Indonesia, 3) United Arab Emirates 4) Saudi Arabia 5) United Kingdom 6) Malaysia 7) Netherlands 8) Philippines 9) Germany and 10) Pakistan.

(e) The Government extends financial assistance through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under various plan schemes to the eligible exporters registered with it. Under these schemes the APEDA provides facilities 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.