GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5368 ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011 EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS Yadav Shri Arun Subhashchandra

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the general policy of certification of land under organic cultivation in the country and whether there has been an increase in the certification of such land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total production of certified organic agri-products during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the target fixed for export of certified organic food products and the actual export done during the above period; and
- (d) the details of proceeds from export of the organic food during the said period, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): Under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), the cultivated as well as the forest collection is certified as organic. As per the data provided by APEDA accredited certification agencies, the area of certified land has increased from 3.79 million ha (2009-10) to 4.43 million ha (2010-11) registering a growth of 17%.
- (b): Production of certified organic agri-products for last 3 years is given below:

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2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 (Million tonnes) (Million tonnes) (Million tonnes) 1.62 1.70 3.88
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Source: Data provided by APEDA Accredited Certification Agencies

(c): There is no specific target fixed for organic export. However, there has been a steady increase in the export of organic products. The export of certified organic products for the last three years is given below:

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Year Export Volume Export Value (MT) (INR Crore)

2008-09 44476 537
2009-10 58408 626
2010-11 69837 699
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Source: Data provided by APEDA Accredited Certification Agencies

(d): Country-wise export data were not used to be maintained till 2010. However, the export of organic products Continent wise for the year 2010-11 is as follows:

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Continent Quantity Value (lakh)
(Metric Tonnes)

AFRICA 184.64 86.85
ASIA 8867.16 10766.33
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AUSTRALIA 910.06 827.44

CANADA 15060.84 10023.13 EU 30814.03 36452.21 NEWZEALAND 608.55 192.91 USA 13391.58 11512.44 TOTAL 69836.86 69861.31

Source: Data provided by APEDA Accredited Certification Agencies