

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 total exports including the export of processed food items to different countries including United States of America during the last three years, value wise, item-wise and Country-wise;
- (b) the net foreign exchange earned from such exports; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote the exporters for processed food items and incentives provided to them for such trades?

Answer

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

(a & b) The total exports in respect of all commodities, including Processed Food items to all export destinations, including United States of America, during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 were 163,132.18, 185,295.36 and 178,751.43 US \$ Millions, respectively. The country-wise (top 5 destinations), value-wise details in respect of various products which form part of Processed Food items during the last three years, are at Annexure-I.

(c) Encouraging exports is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agriculture products including Processed Food items, through various 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 regularly 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, including

- (i) Scheme for Market Development,
- (ii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development,
- (iii) Scheme for Quality Development,
- (iv) Scheme for Research and Development and
- (v) Transport Assistance Scheme, to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost exports of processed food products.