

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOODGRAINS EXPORTS

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

- (a) the quantum and value of the agricultural products including rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds, sugar and agri-processed products exported during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, variety-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the details of the total revenue generated from the export of these items over the said period;
- (c) whether the export of agricultural products has declined during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take/have taken any decision to permit the export of non-Basmati varieties of rice in addition to the Basmati rice, wheat and sugar;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the proposed new foodgrain export policy alongwith the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the export of foodgrains including rice and wheat?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Madam, the quantity and value of the agricultural products including rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds, sugar and agri-processed products exported during the last three years, year-wise, variety-wise alongwith details of top 5 export destinations are annexed.

(c) The value of export of agricultural and allied products during the three year period is as under

Rs. Crore

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

65,772.07 59,723.66 81.915.41

Source: DGCI&S (Export of Principal Commodities Group)

The export of foodgrains depends on availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness.

(d) & (e) The Government has permitted the export of Non-basmati rice without any quantitative restrictions and Minimum Export Price vide Notification No. 71(RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 9th September, 2011.

(f) Encouraging exports is a continuous process. Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agriculture products 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 and 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 (VKGUY), 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 to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost overall Agri exports.