

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the policy to export agricultural products is having adverse effect on the farming communities and the agricultural products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to lift the ban on export of all agricultural products and provide full protection to the farmers from the import of these products;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has received any such proposals in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government is taking any step to provide complete export facilities for export of agricultural products?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c-d) There is no such proposal. The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) on Food takes a decision on export of agriculture products after taking into account various factors including stocks of agriculture products available in the country, surplus over and above the buffer stock norm and strategic reserve requirements, if any, the concerns of food security, availability of agriculture products to common man at reasonable prices and remunerative returns to the grower and price competitiveness in the international market on a continuous basis and decides on the export of agriculture products as and when required.

(e) 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 State for Development 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 aboard and Buyer-Seller meets are organized towards this end. Agriculture 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.