

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:355  
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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum and value of agricultural products exported alongwith the revenue generated from them as against the targets fixed during each of the last three years, item-wise;
- (b) whether the targets fixed have not been achieved during the above period and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been increase in the import of agricultural products during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any evaluation has been done to ascertain the impact of these exports/imports on the domestic market; and
- (f) if so, the corrective action taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a) to f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 FOR ANSWER ON 30TH APRIL 2012 REGARDING "EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS"

(a & b) The quantum and value of export of agricultural products during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are given at Annexure. Complete data on annual basis for 2011-12 is not yet available.

The Government does not fix targets for export for agricultural products because agriculture policy in India is guided by a number of objectives which include food self sufficiency, ensuring remunerative prices to farmers and easy availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices in the domestic market. Moreover, export of agricultural products depends on a variety of factors including availability of surplus, international demand and supply situation, quality standards and price competitiveness.

(c & d) The imports of major agricultural products for the years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were USD 6219 million, USD 10645 million and USD 10593 million, respectively. Complete annual data for agriculture imports for 2011-12 are not yet available. There is no major change in the value of imports of agricultural products in 2010-11 over 2009-10.

(e & f) From time to time Government analyses data on import and export of agricultural commodities. Review of domestic availability/deficit/surplus of essential agricultural commodities are done at various levels like the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM), Cabinet Committee on Prices (CCP), Committee of Secretaries (CoS) etc. Appropriate decisions on allowing or banning/restricting exports/imports of any particular agricultural product/commodity are taken by EGoM/CCP after considering 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 etc.