

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

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EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the fruits and vegetables exported during each of the last three years, value-wise and commodity-wise;
- (b) the schemes being implemented by the Government for promoting the exports of the fruits and vegetables alongwith the concessions and facilities being provided to the farmers and exporters under the said schemes;
- (c) the extent upto which the farmers are being/likely to be benefited from the said schemes;
- (d) whether the Government has taken a decision to allow the export of certain fruits and vegetables having huge domestic demand;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to reconsider the decision in view of domestic demand and high market price of the fruits and vegetables; and g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of exports of fruits and vegetables during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as given below:

Qty: '000 MTs; Value: Rs lakhs

PRODUCT	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value			
Fresh Onions	1670.19	182752	1664.92
Other Fresh	505.29	68020	419.24
Vegetables			
Walnuts	5.70	14124	9.07
Fresh Mangoes	83.70	17071	74.46
Fresh Grapes	124.63	40861	131.15
Other Fresh	256.77	43087	260.68
Fruits			
Total	2646.27	365916	2559.53

Source: APEDA. Note: The complete data on annual basis for 2011-12 is not yet available.

(b&c) The Government is implementing number of measures and incentives for promoting the exports of agricultural products including fruits and vegetables under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils etc. which are likely to benefit the entire horticulture industry. The 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; namely Schemes for Market Development; Infrastructure Development; Quality Development; Research & Development and Transport Assistance. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely MDA, MAI, ASIDE, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana, Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence, etc. to encourage exports. The Government also provides assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for various interventions aimed at increasing production and productivity of horticultural crops for the holistic development of horticulture in the country. Production related activities include development of planting material through nurseries, area expansion, rejuvenation, Integrated Pest Management, Integrated Nutrient Management, creation of water resources. Besides, assistance is also being included for creating infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing.

(d & e) Export of fruits and vegetables are permitted without any restriction under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP). The Government keeps a close and constant watch on the availability of all agriculture products at reasonable price in domestic market and imposes restrictions on their exports as and when required.

(f & g) Does not arise.