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EXPORT OF PERISHABLE COMMODITIES

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

- (a) the quantum-wise and value-wise details of the perishable commodities including groundnut exported during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of commodities whose export/import has been banned by the Government during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to lift the ban on the export of some of these commodities including beef;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote the export of such items particularly processed foods alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The quantum-wise and value-wise details of the perishable commodities including groundnut exported during each of the last three years are as under:

Product	Qty in MT,		Value in Rs. lakh		2010-11	
	2008-09	2009-10	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Buffalo Meat	462749.62	483970.99	495019.71	548060.08	709437.48	841268.59
Groundnuts	297890.37	123900.93	340246.31	142593.30	417150.04	209406.40
Fresh Onions	1670186.29	182752.21	1664922.39	231942.98	1163472.58	174155.41
Other Fresh Vegetables	505284.45	68020.18	419241.35	73185.90	490914.05	89293.61
Dairy Products	70146.77	98086.06	34379.97	40268.39	36867.38	53389.35
Other Fresh Fruits	256767.51	43086.55	260675.43	52283.32	253850.98	48964.74
Fresh Grapes	124627.97	40861.28	131153.61	54533.89	99278.53	41197.42
Poultry Products	1057016.47	42205.80	1016783.10	37211.85	619150.80	30132.74
Floriculture	30798.34	36881.41	26814.52	29446.36	27776.14	28645.41
Sheep / Goat Meat	37790.65	49336.94	52868.01	74720.07	11908.38	25318.88
Fresh Mangoes	83703.18	17071.25	74460.61	20053.98	59220.77	16292.13
Total	4596961.62	1186173.6	4516565.01	1304300.12	3889027.13	1558064.68

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

(b to d) Export of all agricultural commodities is free except pulses (except kabuli chana), milk and milk products(except casein and casein products) and edible oil (except coconut oil from Kotchi port). Export of beef is prohibited under current Foreign Trade Policy. Export/import of agricultural products depends on a variety of factors including availability of surplus, international demand and supply situation, quality standards and price competitiveness.

(e) Export promotion of agricultural products is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agriculture products, including processed foods through various measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Further, 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 Udyog 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.