

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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APEDA SCHEMES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps for increasing the export of milk products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) have specific schemes for providing financial assistance for gaining market access for milk products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the export of milk products along with its outcome thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Export of milk and milk products had been banned with effect from 18th February 2011. The Government has since allowed exports of casein and casein products, under license, through Notification No. 112 (RE – 2010)/2009-2014 dated 1st May 2012. The Government has also allowed export of skimmed milk powder with effect from 8th June 2012 and has provided incentive under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojna (VKGUY) with a Duty Credit Scrip equivalent to 5% of FOB value of exports.

(c) APEDA does not have any scheme for providing financial assistance for gaining market access specifically for milk products.

(d) & (e) The export of agricultural products depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need for striking a balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices. The Government takes into consideration the above factors before deciding on the export of agricultural commodities.