

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

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

- (a) whether the Agricultural Product Export Development Authority (APEDA) is promoting export of organic agricultural products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned facilitation centres for fruits and vegetables in Maharashtra through APEDA; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the centres are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

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

a) & b) Yes, Madam. APEDA has taken the initiative for promotion of export of organic agriculture products by launching National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), framing National Standard for Organic Production and Certification Scheme, laying Procedures for Export of Certified Organic Products, accrediting inspection and certification agencies, developing organic farming, etc.

c) & d) Yes, Madam. The Government, through APEDA, has set-up facilitation centres in the form of "Pack Houses" for various fruits & vegetables at various places in Maharashtra, which include Ratnagiri, Sindhurg, Jalna, Indapur, Baramati, Wardha, Raver, Hingoli and Latur. These projects have been completed.