

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF GROUNDNUTS AND GRAPES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge demand for groundnut and grapes from Andhra Pradesh in the foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total groundnut and grapes exported from the country during the last three years and the current year along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and
- (c) the incentives being provided by the Government to boost the production and export of the aforesaid products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) There has been good demand for grapes and groundnuts from India in the foreign countries. However, state-wise export data is not maintained by the Department of Commerce.

(b) The details of export of groundnuts and fresh grapes during the last three years and 2012-13 (April-November, 2012) are given below:

Groundnuts:

Year Quantity - Metric Tons Value - US \$ Million

2009-10 340246 301

2010-11 433753 478

2011-12 832617 1094

2012-13# 374426 516

Fresh Grapes:

Year Quantity - Metric Tons Value - US \$ Million

2009-10 117338 91

2010-11 92437 86

2011-12 94860 108

Source: APEDA # April-November, 2012

(c) Encouraging exports is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agro products, including groundnuts and grapes through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. 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 the overall agri exports. Besides these measures, 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 Upaj Yojana, Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence, etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports. Trade delegations are also mounted to penetrate foreign markets and Buyer –Seller Meets are organized to assist the potential exports.

Apart from the above, under National Horticulture Mission (NHM), inter-alia, assistance is being extended for taking up production and productivity improvement programmes for horticultural crops, including fruit crops like grapes. The assistance is provided @ 50% of cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/ha limited to 4 ha per beneficiary for taking up area expansion programme for grapes