

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

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IMPORT OF FRUITS

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

- (a) the quantum of fruits, vegetables and flowers exported and imported in the country particularly apple and kiwis during each of the last three years and the current year, value and commodity-wise along with the rates at which the same are exported/ imported;
- (b) the schemes being implemented by the Government for promoting the exports of the fruits, vegetables and flowers along with the concessions and facilities being provided to the farmers and exporters under the said schemes;
- (c) the extent to which the farmers are being/likely to be benefited from the said schemes;
- (d) whether the increase in imports of fruits such as apples and kiwis are posing huge challenge to the domestic growers; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the export of fruits, vegetables and flowers and to encourage and protect the domestic growers?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of export and import of apples and kiwis during last three years and current year in quantity, value and rate wise is at Annexure – I. The details of export and import of other fruits, vegetables and flowers during the same period in quantity, value and rate (INR per kg) thereof are given at Annexure - II and Annexure–III respectively.
- (b) 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 has also been 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 in the XI plan period. 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.
- (c) As a result of implementing various export oriented interventions by the Government, the overall agricultural exports have increased leading to better price realization and/or higher earnings.
- (d) The quantum of export and import of fruits into the country are determined by the market dynamics of demand and supply. However, the average per kilogram import price of apple and kiwis during last three years was much higher than that of per kilogram export price for the corresponding period.
- (e) The efforts of the Government have led to development of state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities for post harvest handling of horticulture produce both in public and private sectors. Exporters have also implemented quality management programmes for better quality of produce for the international market. Exporters are also availing of the Marketing Development Assistance for international exposure. All these efforts are leading to regular export of horticulture produce to the global market. The efforts have also led to opening of new markets for Indian agri produce and arresting of substantial declines in existing markets.