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INDIA S POSITION IN GLOBAL FOODGRAINS MARKET

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

(a) the share of India in global foodgrains market as on date; and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to explore new markets for export of agricultural products and foodgrains to face competition in this sector?

Answer

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

a) India's total food export was about USD13.6 billion in 2007-08 which is estimated to be 1.4% of the overall food trade of the world.

b) Government of India is taking various measures to explore new market for export of agriculture products and food grains to face competition in this sector, which include participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, brand promotion, public relation campaign etc. To insulate Indian exports from the decline in demand from developed countries, in Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, focus is on diversification of Indian exports to other markets, specially those located in Latin America, Africa, parts of Asia and Ocenia. To achieve diversification of Indian exports, following initiatives have been taken under this Policy.

26 new countries have been included within the ambit of Focus Market Scheme.

The incentives provided under Focus Market Scheme have been increased from 2.5% to 3%.

There has been a significant increase in the outlay under 'Market Linked Focus Product Scheme' by inclusion of more markets and products. This ensures support for exports to all countries in Africa and Latin America.