

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT SHARE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India`s share in export of agricultural products is not significant due to lack of advanced technology in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is making any effort to conduct adequate research and studies to improve export share of agricultural products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b) No, Madam. According to UNCOMTRADE data, the share of India in global agricultural trade was 2.09% during 2012 which cannot be termed as insignificant especially in view of the fact that India is the second most populous country in the world with very high domestic consumption level.

(c & d) Under the Quality Development component of the XII Five Year Plan Scheme of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), APEDA undertakes activities to create awareness about quality amongst the exporters and to encourage the food processing industry in adopting systems such as ISO, HACCP, GAP, etc. Monitoring plans for residues and contaminants in various products helps in creating higher market acceptance in developed countries. A system of recognizing and strengthening of laboratories is critical to support pre-shipment testing of export produce. Capacity building through training, seminars/workshops, etc., for upgrading skills of the manpower in the supply chain is also carried out under this component. Applied research & development is supported on the specific need of particular export segment.