

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Export of Tomatoes

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

- (a) whether there is a great demand of Indian tomatoes in Pakistan and if so, the average quantity of tomatoes exported to Pakistan during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the recent tension between the two countries has adversely affected the export of tomatoes and tomato growers of the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated loss suffered by tomato growers in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any countervailing measures to export tomatoes to other countries and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Details of India's exports of tomatoes to Pakistan, during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Quantity in MT; Value in Rs. Crores

2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17

(upto Aug-16)*

Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

341718 739.31 174501 338.37 118360 252.00 48677 110.55

Source: DGC&S; * Provisional

(b) The value of Indian exports of tomatoes to Pakistan during the current year (April – August 2016) is Rs.110.55 crores as compared to Rs.73.91 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year (April – August 2015), registering a growth of 49.57%. As such, the export of tomatoes to Pakistan has not been adversely affected until August, 2016.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Encouraging exports of agricultural products, including tomatoes, is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce provides financial assistance to the exporters of agricultural products, including tomatoes, through various components of its Plan Scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Market Promotion, Quality Development and Transport Assistance. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) and Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports.
