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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th JANUARY, 2019

EXPORT OF VALUE ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of value added agricultural products/processed food items exported to various countries during each of the last three years and the current year along with the net foreign exchange earned from such exports;
- (b) whether the share of India in the global trade of value added agricultural products and processed food items is very low in comparison to other developing countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to promote the export of processed food items from the country along with the incentive provided to the exporters for the purpose during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government has been liberal in granting permission for the import of processed foods from other countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the impact thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken decision to permit the export of processed food even if a restriction is imposed on export of the basic farm produce and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on the prices of such goods in the domestic market?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Details of India's exports of value added agricultural/ processed food items during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.
- (b) Data on share of India in the global trade of value added agricultural products and processed food items is not maintained.

- (c) Promoting exports of value added agricultural/ processed food items from the country is a continuous process. The newly introduced Agriculture Export Policy provides an assurance that no restrictions will be placed on the export of processed agricultural products and it will not be brought under the ambit of any kind of export restriction. The Department of Commerce also has several schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme etc. Incentive on export of various value added agricultural/ processed food items is provided to exporters under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). In addition, assistance to the exporters of value added agricultural/ processed food items is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board and Spices Board. These organisations also seek to promote exports through participation in international fairs & exhibitions, taking initiatives to gain market access for different products in different markets, dissemination of market intelligence, taking steps to ensure quality of exported products etc.
- (d) Besides Vegetable Oils, India does not import significant quantities of any value added agricultural/ processed food items. India imports significant quantities of vegetable oils as the domestic production is not sufficient to meet the demand.
- (e) Yes, Madam. The newly introduced Agriculture Export Policy provides an assurance that the processed agricultural products will not be brought under the ambit of any kind of export restriction (viz. Minimum Export Price, Export duty, Export bans, Export quota, Export capping, Export permit etc.) even though the primary agricultural product is brought under some kind of export restrictions. This step is aimed at providing a stable policy environment for non-essential agricultural products and encouraging exports of value added products rather than the basic commodities. As quantity of exports of value added agricultural/ processed food items is a tiny fraction of total domestic production, the impact on domestic prices is likely to be insignificant.

EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOOD/ VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Quantity: in thousand units; Value: USD Million

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (Apr-Nov)	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
BUFFALO MEAT	TON	1314.22	4069.08	1323.58	3903.49	1350.25	4037.11	825.57	2482.55
SPICES	KGS	831681.12	2541.46	1014453.31	2851.95	1096322.85	3115.37	706439.46	2116.30
OIL MEALS	TON	2056.36	553.01	2632.26	805.45	3570.78	1093.16	2531.45	818.13
CASTOR OIL	KGS	586778.44	705.20	599195.56	674.73	697092.50	1043.99	421212.09	574.67
COFFEE	KGS	255744.05	783.87	288613.37	842.84	317828.97	968.57	179676.12	532.25
CASHEW	TON	103.13	768.55	91.79	786.93	90.06	922.41	52.29	435.40
TEA	KGS	245701.97	720.03	243429.62	731.26	272894.98	837.36	175748.64	534.77
SUGAR	TON	3844.45	1490.52	2544.01	1290.71	1757.93	810.90	1792.92	652.48
GUERGAM MEAL	TON	325.25	496.57	419.95	463.35	494.13	646.94	330.98	440.35
PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	KGS	532293.28	574.48	533152.10	584.79	573281.42	646.92	370200.41	406.99
CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	316.54	513.03	339.95	531.70	353.35	552.61	222.13	353.96
MISC PROCESSED ITEMS		0.00	444.28	0.00	455.59	0.00	550.55	0.00	431.12
GROUNDNUT	TON	542.73	620.36	725.71	809.60	504.04	524.82	310.47	299.76
SESAME SEEDS	KGS	328455.73	459.77	307328.55	402.17	336850.37	463.90	225606.50	363.49
TOBACCO MANUFACTURED	-	-	316.68	-	324.31	-	340.37	-	259.13
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	LTR	242095.45	310.31	232179.33	298.90	241013.37	326.67	165136.12	201.37
DAIRY PRODUCTS	KGS	77527.13	256.95	90352.31	253.73	102262.55	303.05	95036.77	258.40
PROCESSED VEGETABLES	KGS	174427.54	258.92	192855.77	263.57	212203.36	282.87	151845.58	193.06
COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	32652.56	193.31	25649.50	162.18	29579.53	177.47	17929.09	128.30
MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	431464.50	169.12	255803.65	121.37	270396.97	136.01	200683.67	99.76
SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	21.95	128.38	22.01	129.69	22.80	130.90	15.92	88.81
VEGETABLE OILS	TON	30.60	79.93	60.47	116.29	37.06	87.83	36.46	72.72
POULTRY PRODUCTS	-	0.00	117.49	0.00	79.11	0.00	85.70	0.00	63.53
ANIMAL CASINGS	KGS	206.36	2.61	173.24	2.06	12424.66	50.68	10090.31	46.27
MOLLASES	TON	818.57	101.01	390.67	47.06	123.97	15.06	340.84	33.62
CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID	KGS	11677.26	8.83	11404.76	6.56	8325.16	5.06	4083.22	3.01
PROCESSED MEAT	TON	0.28	0.96	0.14	0.69	0.27	1.54	0.24	1.10
OTHER MEAT	TON	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.45	1.09	0.51	1.15
TOTAL			16684.72		16940.12		18158.88		11892.45

Source: DGCIS&S
