

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2293
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2022

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the objective of agriculture exports is to double the income of farmers by the year 2023 through the export of agriculture products;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has focused on ensuring the participation of State Governments in the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Government of India has taken various steps for doubling of the farmers income in which enhancement of agri exports is also one of the focused action. Agriculture exports help farmers to take advantage of wider international market which translates into increase income of the farmers. The committee of Doubling Farmers' Income recognizes agriculture as a value led enterprise and has identified several major sources of growth which are (i) improvement in crop productivity (ii) improvement in livestock productivity, (iii) resource use efficiency or savings in the cost of production, (iv) increase in the cropping intensity, (v) diversification towards high value crops, (vi) improvement in real price received by farmers and (vii) shift from farm to non – farm occupations.

(b): The Government has adopted several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies that focus on higher incomes for the farmers. All these policies &

programmes are being supported by higher budgetary allocations, non-budgetary financial resources by way of creating Corpus Funds like Micro Irrigation Fund and Agri-marketing Fund, Promotion of 10,000 FPOs, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna (PMKSY), Implementation of National Bee Keeping Honey Mission (NBHM), Interest Subvention Scheme by providing Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) etc. Also, Agri infrastructure fund of Rupees one lakh crore has been setup for post-harvest infrastructure.

(c) & (d): Agriculture, being a State subject the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture in the State. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support and various schemes/ programmes. Moreover, efforts are undertaken for greater involvement of State Governments for inclusion of Agri Export Policy in the State Export Policy; identification of State Nodal Agency for promotion of agri exports; setting up institutional mechanism at State and Cluster level by forming Committees to support export in agriculture oriented production; in Infrastructure and logistics to facilitate agricultural exports and in inviting private investment into production, processing and research & development. As per export statistics (in rupees terms), there is 72.6% growth in Agri and Allied exports during the period of 2014-15 to 2020-21 as against the previous 7 years from 2007-08 to 2013-14.
