

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2899**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**FALL IN EXPORT OF HONEY**

2899. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the export of honey is expected to fall;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and its effect on producers thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to tackle this situation?

**ANSWER**

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

(a & b) The details of India's export of Natural Honey, during the last three years and the current year, are as under:

Quantity in MT; Value in US \$ Million

2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18 (April-December)	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
29578.56	87.40	38177.04	108.68	45055.45	83.32	36348.57	73.98

Source: DGCI&S

During 2016-17, while the exports increased in quantity terms, there was a decline in the value terms. This can be attributed to fall in international prices, which crashed from around USD 3000/MT in 2015-16 to around USD 1800/MT in 2016-17. The prices have increased only marginally during the current year.

(c) The promotion of exports of agricultural commodities like honey is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, has the mandate to promote exports of agricultural & processed food products, including honey. APEDA provides assistance to the exporters of agricultural and processed food products, including honey, under various component of its scheme "Agriculture & Processed Food Export promotion Scheme of APEDA" viz. Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Market Development. Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) of 5% is available on export of honey. Assistance is also provided to exporters/State Governments under various other schemes of Department of Commerce viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme etc.

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