

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2909(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL AND PROCESSED FOOD  
PRODUCTS**

2909(H). SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to promote agricultural and processed food products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether small and marginal farmers have been benefited by such export promotion initiatives taken by Government, if so, the details thereof for last three years; and
- (d) whether any steps have been taken/ considered to promote the export of agricultural and processed food products from Uttar Pradesh and whether the farmers of Uttar Pradesh have been benefited from such steps, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a & b) The promotion of exports of agricultural & processed food products 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. APEDA provides assistance to the exporters of agricultural and processed food products under various component of its scheme "Agriculture & Processed Food Export promotion Scheme of APEDA" viz. Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Market Development. In addition, financial assistance is available on export of various agricultural and processed food products under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). 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.

(c & d) Assistance under the above schemes are available to exporters. The benefits incurred to farmers, including small and marginal farmers, are indirect in nature and cannot be quantified. Information regarding APEDA assisted projects in Uttar Pradesh to promote export of agricultural and processed food products is at **Annexure – I.**

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**APEDA ASSISTED COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH**

Amount Rs. Lakhs

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Sanctioned APEDA Asst</b>	<b>Assistance Released.</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	2001-02	Wholesale Market Cum Auction Centre For Flowers at Noida,	U.P. Mandi Parishad	1199	350	350	completed
2	2006-07	Pack House & VHT for mangoes at Saharanpur	U.P. Mandi Parishad	917	915	915	completed
3	2006-07	Pack House for mangoes at Lucknow	U.P. Mandi Parishad	146	146	146	completed
4	2006-07	Pack House for mangoes at Saharanpur	U.P. Mandi Parishad	146	146	146	completed
5	2010-11	Quality Control Lab for animal products at Aligarh	Deptt. of Animal Husbandry	580.45	500.45	398.36	ongoing
6	2014-15	Refrigerated park for perishable products at ICD Dadri	CONCOR	2043.06	1500	1200	completed

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