

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1968**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

**1968. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:**

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

- (a) whether India has emerged as one of the largest exporter of fruits and vegetables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the details of fruits and vegetable exports from the country especially Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government has any data of area-specific production of fruits exported particularly from Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof, along with the measures taken to enhance the export of fruits and vegetables from the country; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to boost the export of fruits and vegetables?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a):** India has a huge domestic consumption base for agriculture products, due to our large population base. However, exports of fresh fruits and vegetables from India have registered a growth of 19.03% in last three years i.e from USD 1421.93 million in 2019-20 to USD 1692.48 million in 2021-22. During the current financial year (Apr-Jan), exports have grown further by 5.04%, from USD 1220.21 during 2021-22 (Apr – Jan) to USD 1281.70 million in 2022-23 (Apr-Jan).

**(b):** The details of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables exports from the country and from Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year are as below:

**Export of Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables**

Values in USD Million				
Commodities	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023 (Till Jan)
FRESH FRUITS export from INDIA	770.25	768.54	877.22	531.65
FRESH VEGETABLES export from INDIA	651.68	723.97	815.26	750.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1421.93</b>	<b>1492.51</b>	<b>1692.48</b>	<b>1281.70</b>
FRESH FRUITS export from MAHARASHTRA	464.36	484.74	557.21	301.11
FRESH VEGETABLES export from MAHARASHTRA	295.86	347.95	438.64	450.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>760.22</b>	<b>832.69</b>	<b>995.85</b>	<b>751.59</b>

Source: DGCI&S

(c)& (d): The production details of major fruit crops of Maharashtra are as below:

**Production of Fruits in Maharashtra during 2021-22 (3rd estimate)**

S. No.	Category	Production (Thousand MT)
1	Banana	4887.87
2	Grapes	2466.54
3	Mango	427.13
4	Papaya	496.50
5	Pomegranate	1657.26
6	Citrus Fruits	1871.87

Source: DA&FW

Promotion of exports of fruits and vegetables is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has the mandate to promote exports of fruits and vegetables. APEDA provides financial and technical assistance to the exporters of fruits and vegetables under various components of its export promotion scheme viz. Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development. APEDA assists exporters in promoting exports of its scheduled products, including fruits and vegetables by organising buyer-seller meets (BSMs); participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions; taking up the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Market Access issues with the importing countries; and regular interactions with the Indian Missions to tap export opportunities in various countries.

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