

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214**  
ANSWERED ON 21/07/2023

**EXPORTS OF FOODGRAINS FROM THE COUNTRY**

214. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

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

- (a) the country's share in world foodgrains market as on date;
- (b) the top 10 commodities exported from the country and top importing countries during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has prepared itself to face the competition in this market as a result of declining foodgrains exports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) India's share in the world food grains market, based on the exported values in 2022, was 7.79% (Source: ITC Trade Map calculations based on UN COMTRADE and ITC statistics).
- (b) Details of top 10 agriculture commodities exported from the country and top 10 importing countries of India's agriculture products, during the last five years, are at Annexure.
- (c) & (d) India's exports of foodgrains have registered a steady growth in last few years which is reflected in the increase in India's share in world foodgrain exports from 3.38% in 2010 to 7.79% in 2022 as per UN COMTRADE statistics. Export promotion is a continuous process. The Government has taken several steps at State/ District levels to promote exports of agriculture products, including foodgrains. State-specific Action Plans have been prepared and State Level Monitoring Committees (SLMCs), Nodal Agencies for agricultural exports and

Cluster Level Committees have been formed in a number of States. Country and product-specific action plans have also been formulated to promote exports.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a statutory body under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has been providing financial assistance to the exporters of agricultural and processed food products, including foodgrains, under components such as Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development under its scheme namely “Agriculture & Processed Food Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA”. APEDA assists exporters in promoting exports 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.

Further, Export Promotion Forums (EPFs) for Rice and Nutri-Cereals have been set up under the aegis of APEDA. The EPFs strive to identify and anticipate developments pertaining to production and exports of these products, reach out to stakeholders across the entire production/supply chain of exports and make recommendations for necessary policy interventions and other measures to promote exports.

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) have been established for the purpose of leveraging collective economies of scale in the production and marketing of agriculture and related products. This helps lower the average cost of production, hence increasing competitiveness in foreign markets.

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**Annexure**

<b>TOP 10 AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM INDIA</b>						
Values in USD Million						
<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>COMMODITY</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
1	MARINE PRODUCTS	6802.56	6722.07	5962.39	7772.36	8077.97
2	RICE (OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	3038.16	2031.25	4810.80	6133.63	6355.74
3	SUGAR	1360.29	1966.44	2789.91	4602.65	5770.96
4	RICE -BASMOTI	4712.44	4372.00	4018.41	3537.49	4787.50
5	SPICES	3322.45	3621.38	3983.98	3896.03	3783.63
6	BUFFALO MEAT	3587.15	3199.60	3171.13	3303.78	3193.69
7	OIL MEALS	1508.65	827.90	1585.04	1031.94	1600.97
8	WHEAT	60.24	62.82	567.93	2122.13	1519.69
9	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	659.18	647.07	866.04	1169.05	1419.06
10	CASTOR OIL	883.78	894.36	917.24	1175.50	1265.64

<b>TOP 10 IMPORTERS OF INDIA'S AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS</b>						
Values in USD Million						
<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
1	U S A	4700.32	4718.46	4913.29	5848.11	5216.78
2	CHINA P RP	2271.60	2885.44	3734.19	3843.33	3974.59
3	BANGLADESH PR	1838.88	1452.99	2850.81	5541.78	3577.47
4	U ARAB EMTS	1930.20	1760.21	1948.65	2625.79	3049.21
5	VIETNAM SOC REP	3728.30	1876.42	1629.62	2109.00	2389.50
6	SAUDI ARAB	1625.48	1599.53	1607.46	1547.00	2193.17
7	INDONESIA	951.02	753.60	1523.76	2173.81	1853.29
8	MALAYSIA	958.08	970.89	1171.02	1504.57	1686.12
9	IRAN	2285.71	2189.00	1175.55	1121.69	1360.92
10	THAILAND	724.58	671.50	645.63	722.21	1086.90

Source: DGCIS

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