

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/07/2023

SUPPORT TO RICE CULTIVATORS OF KALAHANDI DISTRICT FOR EXPORTS

999. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps are being taken to provide adequate export means to rice cultivators in Kalahandi district, which is now the second largest rice producing district in Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Under whole of the Government approach different Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations of the Central and State Governments undertake continuous efforts to promote export of agro commodities, including, rice produced in different regions of the country, including, Kalahandi, Odisha.

The various initiatives and schemes by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare meant for enhancement of production have resulted in the surplus production of various agro commodities, which has increased the capacity of the country to export agro products including rice.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) also promotes rice exports through its "Agriculture & Processed Food Export Promotion Scheme," which aims at improving infrastructure, quality, and market access for exports promotion of agro commodities including rice. An export Promotion Forum has also been established.

An Export Oriented Capacity Development Programme was also organised (Rice Centric) by APEDA in May, 2022 at Bhawanipatna, Dist. Kalahandi, to motivate Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)/ Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) and Progressive Farmers for their active participation in agro export business of rice for the betterment of their livelihood and increasing farmers' income.
