

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 38
ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024

EXPORTS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

38. 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 fruit 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 that are exported out of the country particularly from Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to enhance the exports of fruits and vegetables from the country; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to boost the export of fruit and vegetables from the country?

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 20% over the last three years i.e., from USD 1492.51 million in 2020-21 to USD 1791.05 million in 2022-23. During the current financial year (Apr-Nov), exports have grown further by 20.15%, from USD 991.42million during 2022-23 (Apr. -Nov.) to USD 1191.15 million in 2023-24 (Apr.-Nov.).

(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	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (Till Nov.)
FRESH FRUITS FROM INDIA	768.54	877.22	864.62	507.64
FRESH VEGETABLES EXPORT FROM INDIA	723.97	815.26	926.43	683.51
TOTAL	1492.51	1692.48	1791.05	1191.15
FRESH FRUITS EXPORT FROM MAHARASHTRA	484.74	557.21	563.83	307.55
FRESH VEGETABLES EXPORT FROM MAHARASHTRA	347.95	438.64	556.04	404.04
TOTAL	832.69	995.85	1119.87	711.59

Source: DGCI&S

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

Production of Fruits in Maharashtra during 2022-23 (3rd estimate)

S. No.	Category	Production (Thousand MT)
1	Banana	5564.09
2	Grapes	2500.05
3	Mango	407.10
4	Papaya	469.38
5	Pomegranate	1640.82
6	Citrus Fruits	2155.65

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.
