

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

RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

531. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the details of India's agricultural export performance in the last five years, highlighting the role of Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of India's total agricultural exports during each of the last three years alongwith the percentage of India's total agricultural exports contributed by Maharashtra and how has this percentage evolved during the past decade;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to promote the export of agricultural products from Maharashtra particularly for high demand crops and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government plans to provide schemes or incentives to Maharashtra's farmers to encourage export-oriented farming and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) & (b) The Central Government maintains validated record of total Agricultural exports from India. India's export of agricultural products in last decade along with Maharashtra share is as follows:

Year	India's export of agricultural products (USD Million)	Export of agricultural products from the State of Maharashtra (USD Million)	Maharashtra's share (%) in overall agricultural exports
2015-16	32089.43	5770.61	17.98%
2016-17	33374.02	5153.87	15.44%
2017-18	32213.99	5463.96	14.29%
2018-19	38541.68	5906.72	15.32%
2019-20	35585.62	5329.04	14.97%
2020-21	41869.37	6408.44	15.31%
2021-22	50208.74	8370.95	16.67%
2022-23	53129.55	8984.79	16.91%
2023-24	48804.52	6502.67	13.32%

Source: DGCIS

(c) & (d) The Department of Commerce has taken various initiatives for export promotion of Agricultural products across the country including from the State of Maharashtra.

Department of Commerce, through the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) enabled the participation of exporters of agricultural products from India including from the State of Maharashtra in international trade events such as, (a) BIOFACH 2024, (b) Fine Food Australia 2024, (c) Asia Fruit Logistica - 2024, Hong Kong, (d) World Food Moscow, etc.

In addition to this, a series of capacity building/training programs have been carried out in the Agri Clusters in potential States, including Maharashtra, in association with the concerned State government agencies with a specific focus for FPOs/FPCs/ SHGs/exporters in order to provide linkage of the farmer groups to export supply chain and to promote the entrepreneurs for becoming prospective exporters.

Further, Department of Commerce through APEDA provided financial assistance to its member exporters for setting up of pack houses for export of grapes, mangoes, pomegranates and other fruits and vegetables along with a National referral laboratory in ICAR - National Research Centre (NRC) for Grapes in Pune. Further, support has been provided for establishment of two irradiation facilities at Vashi and Nashik approved by USDA APHIS for export of mangoes and Pomegranates to USA.

In addition to this, Department of Commerce also initiated strategic development of Sea Protocols for export of Bananas, Mangoes, Pomegranates and Oranges from the country including the State of Maharashtra.
