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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2448**  
ANSWERED ON 21/03/2025

**AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PERFORMANCE**

2448. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of India's agricultural export performance in the last five years, highlighting role of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether Government is planning to provide schemes or incentives to Maharashtra's farmers to encourage export-oriented farming and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to set up new export processing zones or agri-export clusters in Maharashtra to facilitate agricultural exports and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) The Central Government maintains validated record of total agricultural exports from India. State wise export figures are not validated as the data is received, based on the reporting of the State of origin code by the exporters in the shipping bills. India's export of agricultural products in the last five years is 229,597.8 USD million and share of Maharashtra is 35,595.89 USD million.

(b) & (c) The Department of Commerce through the Agricultural and Processed food products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial assistance to its member exporters, for export promotion of its Scheduled products, including fruits, through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). The scheme has the following components,

- i. Development of Export Infrastructure
- ii. Quality Development
- iii. Market Development

The details of financial assistance guidelines are available at APEDA Website [www.apeda.gov.in](http://www.apeda.gov.in) under the "Scheme" tab.

In addition to this, Department of Commerce through APEDA, facilitates participation of exporters in the leading international trade events, buyer seller meet (BSM) and Reverse buyer

seller meet (RBSM). Further, 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 on Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs), Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) and Farmer Producer Co-operatives, by way of required handholding, to provide linkage of the farmer groups to export supply chains.

Department of Commerce through APEDA, disbursed an amount of Rs. 23,23,44,563/- for projects in the State of Maharashtra for setting up of integrated pack houses and reefer vans in the plan period of 2021-22 to 2025-26, for promotion of horticulture exports. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 20,13,27,164/- has been provided for setting up of 23 integrated packhouses and Rs. 3,10,17,399/- for purchase of insulated reefer transport unit.

Government of India, through Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), is implementing Horticulture Cluster Development Programme for selected horticulture crops through National Horticulture Board (NHB). This Programme is designed to leverage the geographical specialization of horticulture clusters and promote integrated and market led development of pre-production, production, post-harvest, logistics, branding, export oriented and marketing activities. So far 15 clusters have been identified on pilot basis. In Maharashtra Nashik district for Grapes, Solapur for Pomegranate and Jalgaon for Banana have been identified under these clusters.

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