

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FOR AGRI-EXPORTS

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Will the Minister of **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that India's Agri-exports have seen unprecedented expansion, with many products making their way to international markets for the first time;
- (b) if so; the details of remarkable firsts happened in the last couple of years in Indian agricultural exports;
- (c) whether the Government proposes more infrastructure supports like better cold storage, Mega Food Parks and ports to strengthen the growth in agricultural exports;
- (d) whether the Government is focusing on organic farming, processed foods and value-added exports to sustain growth; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and other initiative by the government to double exports?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a) & (b): India's Export of Agricultural products has seen significant rise in the recent years by expansion in the Agri-exports basket of the country. Shipments of few products under fresh horticulture, processed food and cereals have been sent to identified countries for the first time. The details of such shipments made are as following:

1. The export of India's first ready-to-drink fig juice, made from GI-tagged Purandar figs was sent to Poland in August 2024.
2. The first consignment of Godawan Single Malt Whisky was exported to UK in September 2024.
3. The first consignment of Soya Chaap by a Farmer Producer Company from Aterna Village, Sonipat, Haryana, has embarked on its journey to Toronto, Canada.
4. On February 4, 2025, APEDA facilitated the first export of Goli Pop Soda from Bharuch, Gujarat, to the UK and GCC markets, marking a significant step for Indian processed food exports.
5. APEDA facilitated flag-off of First ever Millets (Organic) shipment from Uttarakhand to Denmark in May, 2021.
6. APEDA facilitated the export of first consignment of Millet milk from India to Nepal.

(c) to (e): For the overall development of food processing sector in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Central Sector Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) scheme. Under PMKSY financial assistance is provided to entrepreneurs for setting up food processing industries including creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet, reduce post-harvest losses and create higher value-addition, providing better returns to farmers, creation of employment opportunities, reducing wastage, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods thereby giving a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country.

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce and Industries provides financial assistance for export of APEDA's scheduled products to its registered exporters. Financial assistance is provided under Agriculture and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA for the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 TO 2025-26) in three broad areas, namely

- a. Scheme for Development of Export Infrastructure
- b. Scheme for Quality Development
- c. Scheme for Market Promotion

Further, APEDA is implementing the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP). The programme involves the accreditation of certification bodies, standards for organic production, promotion of organic farming and marketing, etc. Under NPOP, operators are certified as per their scope of operation such as production, processing and trading.

In order to have greater visibility of the Indian exporters, food producers and engaging new business partners in the global market, APEDA provides opportunities to them to market their products in International and domestic trade fairs. APEDA develops a vibrant Indian pavilion during the trade fairs inviting participant exporters for various international and national trade event organized by APEDA. A dedicated export promotion forum is established by APEDA for specific products to streamline efforts and resources towards boosting exports.
