

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2046
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th NOVEMBER, 2016

EXPORT OF TOMATOES

2046. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a great demand of Indian tomatoes in Pakistan and if so, the average quantity of tomatoes exported to Pakistan during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the recent tension between the two countries has adversely affected the export of tomatoes and tomato growers of the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated loss suffered by tomato growers in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any countervailing measures to export tomatoes to other countries and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) Details of India's exports of tomatoes to Pakistan, during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Quantity in MT; Value in Rs. Crores

2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (upto Aug-16)*	
Quantit y	Value	Quantit y	Value	Quantit y	Value	Quantity	Value
341718	739.3 1	174501	338.3 7	118360	252.0 0	48677	110.55

Source: DGCI&S; * Provisional

- (b) The value of Indian exports of tomatoes to Pakistan during the current year (April – August 2016) is Rs.110.55 crores as compared to Rs.73.91 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year (April – August 2015), registering a growth of 49.57%. As such, the export of tomatoes to Pakistan has not been adversely affected until August, 2016.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) Encouraging exports of agricultural products, including tomatoes, is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce provides financial assistance to the exporters of agricultural products, including tomatoes, through various components of its Plan Scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Market Promotion, Quality Development and Transport Assistance. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) and Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports.
