

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 592
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th FEBRUARY, 2017

BOOSTING FARM EXPORTS

592. **SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:**
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to create an institutional mechanism to address all inter-ministerial issues related to market access and export facilitation for agro products in order to boost farm exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is trying to get new markets for the export of various commodities like mangoes and grapes and if so, the details thereof
- (d) whether these proposals are pending for want of appropriate documents prescribed by the importing nations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)& (b) The mechanism to address all issues including market access and export facilitation for agri-products in the form of Inter-Ministerial meetings with relevant stakeholders are held as per need, from time to time. As on date, no new Institutional mechanism has been formalized.

(c) Yes, Madam. Market access efforts for Grapes have been made in the countries like USA, South Africa, Vietnam, Japan and Australia. For Mangoes, the efforts have been made in South Africa and Iran.

(d) & (e) As regard Grapes, India has requested USA to expedite the evaluation of pest risk analysis submitted by India. The Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) is under finalization with South Africa, Vietnam and Japan. Australia has suggested (SO₂ +CO₂) fumigation treatment on which Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET) and National Research Centre for Grapes (NRC) are working. Regarding Mango, South Africa has suggested Irradiation/Vapour Heat Treatment (VHT)/Hot Water Dip Treatment (HWDT) as post harvest mitigation measures. However, India has suggested only VHT/HWDT as a mitigation measure.
