

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2244
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st JANUARY, 2018

EXPORT OF MANGOES

2244. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any memoranda from the mango growers of the country including those from Malda district, to initiate processes for redressal of hurdles faced by them in exporting mangoes to various markets in nearby nations;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of any slide in the export of mangoes to Bangladesh owing to an increase in export fees ordered by Bangladesh authorities;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has made any effort in addressing the issue through bilateral channels; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c to e): Yes, Madam. The Government of India, through the High Commission of India in Dhaka, has raised the issue with the Government of Bangladesh requesting them to reduce the duty levied on import of mangoes from India to Bangladesh.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal, has taken steps to promote exports of mangoes from West Bengal to alternative markets like European Union. The existing pack house at Malda has been upgraded and a Hot Water Treatment (HWT) facility has been set up at the pack house. APEDA, in association with the Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal, has also held a training programme for farmers. As a result of these efforts, some exports to the EU countries have taken place during the current year.
