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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 553
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

553. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Horticulture Report indicates that India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world after China, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the fruits and vegetables exports from the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the area-specific production of fruits in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to enhance the fruits and vegetables export from India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Yes, Madam. As per the FAO 2014 (latest data), India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world after China. The details of major fruits and vegetables producing countries in the world and India's position may be seen at **Annexure-I**.

(b): The details of fruits and vegetables exports from the country during the last three years, year wise are as under:-

Export of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Qty in Lakh Tonnes

Value in Rs. Crore

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES		
Year	Qty	Value
2014-15	25.01	7474.14
2015-16	27.02	9103.48
2016-17	41.27	10338.24

Source: APEDA website

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(c): The details of area and production of fruits in Tamil Nadu during the last three years may be seen at **Annexure-II**.

(d): The Government has taken several measures to enhance the fruits and vegetables exports from India. Some of these are as under:-

- To boost exports, Government has launched a new scheme namely “Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)” under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products including fruits and vegetables to specified markets.
- The phytosanitary control system for export of fresh fruits has been strengthened in India to provide assurance of pest- free exports to the European Union(EU).
- To minimize post production losses for horticulture crops including those for exports, assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing such as storages, wholesale markets, rural primary market, Kisan Mandis, etc.

Major Fruit (excl. Melon) Producing Countries in the World

Country	Rank	2014
		Production (Million Tonnes)
China	1	161
India	2	88.48
Brazil	3	37.41
USA	4	25.95
Mexico	5	17.85
Spain	6	17.76
Indonesia	7	17.37
Philippines	8	16.23
Italy	9	15.64
Turkey	10	14.29
Others		438.4
World total		689.39

Source: FAOSTAT Website (<http://faostat3.fao.org/home/E>) accessed on 19th June, 2017

Major Vegetables & Melons Producing Countries in the World

Countries	Rank	2014
		Production (Million Tonnes)
China	1	598.84
India	2	126.58
USA	3	36.6
Turkey	4	28.19
Iran	5	21.46
Egypt	6	19.35
Russian Federation	7	16.89
Mexico	8	14.29
Spain	9	14.17
Italy	10	13.87
Others		281.94
World		1169.45

Source: FAOSTAT Website (<http://faostat3.fao.org/home/E>) accessed on 21st June, 2017

Area and Production of Total Fruits in Tamil Nadu

YEAR	FRUITS	
	Area (In '000 Ha)	Production (In '000 Tonnes)
2014-15	285.7	5963.9
2015-16	274.9	6635.1
2016-17(Provisional)	341.9	6426.3

Area Specific Production of Major Fruits in Major Producing Districts of Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	Districts	Banana	
		2015-16	
		Area ('000Ha)	Production ('000 Tonnes)
1	THENI	6.79	473.36
2	TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	7.00	386.33
3	COIMBATORE	8.19	381.16
4	TUTICORIN	9.38	337.68
5	PUDUKKOTTAI	2.21	331.35

Sl. No.	Districts	Mango	
		2015-16	
		Area ('000Ha)	Production ('000 Tonnes)
1	VELLORE	15.50	201.50
2	DHARMAPURI	17.66	176.6
3	KRISHNAGIRI	35.86	137.7
4	DINDIGUL	18.42	108.5
5	THIRUVALLUR	10.60	84.8

Sl. No.	Districts	Papaya	
		2015-16	
		Area ('000Ha)	Production ('000 Tonnes)
1	ERODE	0.50	122.70
2	DHARMAPURI	0.22	50.07
3	VELLORE	0.16	37.76
4	SALEM	0.14	32.20
5	THENI	0.13	31.54
