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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2751(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2018

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

2751(H). SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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

- (a) the details of the share of India in the global food market at present;
- (b) the details of the products produced under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for the production of organic products;
- (c) whether the APEDA has received some complaints regarding the certification agencies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to promote the export of organic products?

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) As per WTO's World Trade Statistical Review 2017 (based on trade in 2016), India's share in the global food market is 2.2%.
- (b) The details of the category wise production under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) during 2016-17 are at **Annexure - I**.
- (c & d) A complaint was received by the Government in December 2017 on the approval granted by one of the accredited Certification Bodies for farm input. The complaint was investigated and explanation was sought from the Certification Body. The complainant was informed accordingly.
- (e) The steps taken by the Government to promote export of organic products are at **Annexure - II**.

ANNEXURE – I**The details of the category-wise production of organic products under NPOP during 2016-17:**

S. No.	Category	Production (MT)
1	Oilseeds	299717.807
2	Sugarcane	281660.331
3	Cereal & Millets	195552.107
4	Fiber Crops (Cotton)	155136.889
5	Pulses	62329.045
6	Tea	39129.259
7	Spices & Condiments	36718.417
8	Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	29523.906
9	Fruits	27851.918
10	Vegetables	24339.49
11	Dry Fruits	8241.284
12	Coffee	6208.72
13	Ornamental Plants and Flowers	5517.076
14	Others	5030.906
15	Plantation Crops other than Tea & Coffee	2550.773
16	Fodder Crops	486.95
17	Tuber Crops (Potato)	110.934
Total		1180105.812

Source: Information provided by the accredited certification Bodies under NPOP on Tracenet/APEDA

Steps taken to Promote Export of Organic Products

The following steps are taken to promote the export of organic products:

1. Extension of scope of product categories such as Organic Animal feed processing and handling, Organic Mushroom, Sea weed and Aquatic plants and Green house production in National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) to diversify and widen organic products basket for export;
2. Inclusion of new products such as Tusser, Cocoon, Honey, Lac, Medicinal Plants & Herbs, Roots and Tubers under existing standard for collection of non cultivated material of plant origin/forest produce in NPOP;
3. Inclusion of Silk worm rearing for cocoon production and wool under existing standard Livestock category in NPOP;
4. Inclusion of new Certification Bodies making total number of Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP as 28;
5. Extension of scope of accreditation to extended to three Certification Bodies for certification of Livestock and Apiculture;
6. Capacity building programme for the Evaluation Committee members on NPOP and audit procedures, State Government Officials on NPOP and Tracenet Operations;
7. Outreach programme is conducted at different states;
8. Consultative meeting with the accredited Certification Bodies and operators on the updation made on NPOP and procedure for simplification of Tracenet system;
9. European Commission and Switzerland has recognized the NPOP equivalency to their regulation for unprocessed plant products. USDA has granted conformity assessment for certification as per USDA NOP standards. APEDA is continuing efforts for getting equivalence with Canada, Korea, Taiwan and Japan through regular correspondences. Taiwan has conducted the onsite verification of the implementation of NPOP in November 2017 after completion of documentation review for granting equivalency of NPOP with Taiwanese Organic Standards. Taiwan has also submitted the application to APEDA for bilateral equivalency;
10. The Government organizes Indian pavilion at two international food fairs held in Nuremberg, Germany and Anaheim, USA exclusively for organic products and;
11. The Government also organized 19th Organic World Congress in Delhi NCR wherein 36 international buyers were hosted by APEDA. Total number of product categories discussed for trade was 37 with total 283 trade queries. There were more than 286 buyer seller meets generating trade enquiry worth more than Rs 68 crores.
