

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4942(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th MARCH, 2018

AGRICULTURAL AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS

4942(H). SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to encourage agriculture and processed food products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the small and marginal farmers have been benefited from such export promotion initiatives and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to encourage exports of agricultural and processed food products from Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the farmers of Maharashtra have been benefited from such steps and 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 & b) The promotion of exports of agricultural & processed food products is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, has the mandate to promote exports of agricultural & processed food products. APEDA provides assistance to the exporters of agricultural and processed food products under various component of its scheme "Agriculture & Processed Food Export promotion Scheme of APEDA" viz. Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Market Development. In addition, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) assistance is also available on export of various agricultural and processed food products. Assistance is also provided to exporters/State Governments under various other schemes of Department of Commerce viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme etc.
- (c) to (e) Assistance/incentives under the above schemes are available to exporters. The benefits incurred to farmers, including small and marginal farmers, are indirect in nature and cannot be quantified. APEDA has been holding regular sensitisation, training & outreach programmes in Maharashtra to promote exports of agricultural & processed food products. The details of programmes held during 2017-18 are as under:

Date	Place	Topics discussed
5 th & 6 th June,2017	Vashi	Buyer Seller Meet (BSM) with exporters for export of Mango & Mango products
07 th December, 2017	Aurangabad	One day workshop on promotion on implementation of HortiNet system for export of Pomegranate , Grape and vegetables
29 th December,2017	Dist. Akola, at Dist. Collector Office	APEDA Regional Office, Mumbai, MSAMB in association with District Collector office Akolaorganized one-day workshop on Vegetable exportsunder cluster development programme.
