

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1918(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY,2018

SHARE OF AGRICULTURE IN EXPORTS

1918(H). SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the share of agriculture in total export of the country has declined during the last few years; and
(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the share of agriculture in total export of the country?

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) The share of agriculture (including plantation and marine products) has remained steady during the last few years. Details for the last 4 years are as under:

Values in USD Million

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Agricultural Exports	39060.87	32790.63	33685.10	38725.22
Total Exports	310338.47	262291.08	275852.42	303376.22
% of Agri Exports	12.59	12.50	12.21	12.76

Source: DGCI&S

- (b) Government has taken several steps to promote exports from all the sectors, including agriculture. Promotion of exports of agricultural commodities is a continuous process. The Department of Commerce has several schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) etc. In addition, assistance to the exporters of agricultural products is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board and Spices Board. These organisations also seek to promote exports through participation in international fairs & exhibitions, taking initiatives to gain market access for different products in different markets, dissemination of market intelligence, taking steps to ensure quality of exported products etc.
