

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2072
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th DECEMBER, 2018

EXPORT OF VEGETABLES

2072. DR. UDIT RAJ:

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

- (a) whether it is true that even after 2 years of withdrawal of temporary ban on bitter and snake gourd, brinjal & colocasia leaf from January, 2017 from European Commission, export of the said vegetables to the EU from India has not been possible and Business potential is remaining untapped, despite their huge demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that till 2014, huge quantities of leafy vegetables and betel leaves were exported but export of these to the EU has stopped due to fear of suspension of Import Export Code of exporter, though it was never banned and betel farmers especially tribal farmers of the Northeast are being deprived of better prices for their produce;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether APEDA used to give an incentive of 10% on Free on Board (FoB) price of agricultural products to the Agri-exporters under Transport Assistance & Insurance benefits Component ECGC; and
- (f) if so, the actions which have been taken to find out a way to resume all?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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- (a & b) EU had banned the export of four vegetables namely Bittergourd, Aubergine, Snakegourd and Colocassia Leaves during 2014. The ban was lifted from January 2017. Fresh vegetables are being exported to EU. However, data relating to export of four vegetables, which were banned by EU, is not available separately as these vegetables are exported in mixed consignments. Currently, there is no ban on these products by EU.
- (c & d) There is no restriction on export of leafy vegetables and betel leaves to EU and the exports are taking place. The exporters of agricultural products including leafy vegetables and betel leaves, have to meet quality and phytosanitary standards of the importing countries, EU in this case.

(e & f) 12th Plan Export Promotion scheme of APEDA had a component of Transport Assistance wherein assistance upto 10% of the FOB cost was provided to mitigate the high freight cost of transport of perishable products, to certain markets. This component was discontinued with effect from 1st October 2016.
