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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5091 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2019

FRUIT EXPORTS

5091. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether India's share in world fruit exports, i.e. in apple, pear, peach, plum, apricot and cherry is very low, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating India's share in world fruit exports at present;
- (b) the total quantity and value of fruits exported during each of the last three years and the current year, fruit-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government is taking any effective steps to increase export of fruits from the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयुष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) Yes, sir. India's share in world exports of fruits like apple, pear, peach, plum, apricot and cherry is very low. These fruits are grown in temperate climates and in India can be grown only in specific regions. As such, the availability of exportable surplus of these fruits as well as availability of right quality, colour, size, texture and aroma of fruits, suitable for exports, is low. Details of India's share in world fruit exports are as under:

World export vis-à-vis India's export (Year: 2018)

Ouantity in MT. Value in USD Mill.

Product	Wor	ld	India		India's Share in %	
Froduct	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	(Value)	
Total (Fresh Fruits - HS Codes 0803 to 0810))	-	99,409.73	-	692.15	0.6963	
Apples	81,60,765.00	8,230.03	12,894.00	5.61	0.0682	
Cherries (Sour Cherries & Other Cherries)	7,98,963.00	3,569.86	14.00	0.04	0.0010	
Pears	26,37,662.00	2,831.97	2.00	0.01	0.0002	
Peaches, Incl. Nectarines, Fresh	19,67,948.00	2,521.12	-	-	0.0000	
Plums & Sloes, Fresh	7,33,294.00	996.69	86.00	0.03	0.0027	
Apricots, Fresh	3,81,162.00	482.06	9.00	0.04	0.0081	

Source: ITC Trade Map

- (b) The details of total quantity and value of fruits exported during the last three years and the current year, fruit wise, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) The promotion of exports of fruits is a continuous process. For overall promotion of agricultural exports, the Government has introduced a comprehensive Agriculture Export Policy. 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 fruits. APEDA provides assistance to the exporters of fruits under various component of its scheme "Agriculture & Processed Food Export promotion Scheme of APEDA" viz. Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Market Development. In addition, incentives are available on export of various fruits under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). Assistance is also provided to exporters/state governments under various other schemes of Department of Commerce viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Transport & Marketing Assistance (TMA) Scheme, Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme etc.

Annexure-I

India's Exports of Fresh Fruits

Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million

DESCRIPTION	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (Apr-May)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
GRAPES FRESH	198471.30	267.04	205039.41	303.71	246133.77	334.77	32862.96	44.08
POMEGRANATES FRESH	49852.04	73.31	52391.82	85.97	67891.80	98.76	5500.73	7.55
MANGOES FRESH	52761.00	66.46	49671.32	59.45	46510.22	60.24	8954.21	14.02
BANANAS, FRESH	110750.57	57.83	102521.88	54.39	134503.40	59.24	24753.44	10.12
ORANGES FRESH OR DRIED	48111.64	17.48	37049.09	14.64	43098.28	34.62	915.50	0.24
OTHER FRUITS, FRSH	38113.32	16.46	24611.80	10.95	15203.39	12.99	1512.02	1.04
APPLES FRSH	22550.02	9.40	14780.68	7.18	16744.61	10.80	7.13	0.00
WATER MELONS	26346.36	8.89	26219.30	8.86	33366.47	9.90	2523.94	0.67
LEMONS AND LIMES	14116.89	8.59	17480.31	8.50	21121.33	6.41	1093.21	0.69
PAPAWS (PAPAYAS) FRESH	12442.76	7.63	10030.39	6.44	9785.61	5.26	1029.21	0.44
OTHERS	-	42.82	-	41.47	-	23.80	-	2.30
TOTAL		575.92		601.56		656.79		81.15

Source: DGCI&S
