

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1056**  
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EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS

**1056. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:**

Will the Minister of *Food Processing Industries* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the export of processed food items from the country is faced with several problems resulting in sluggish growth and if so, the details thereof along with the main reasons for such a situation; and
- (b) the steps/measures taken/being taken by the Government to remove the bottlenecks in exports of processed food?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): No, Sir. The export of agri-food products has increased from US\$ 29.67 billion in 2015-16 to US\$ 46.11 billion in 2021-22 at a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 7.6%. The export of processed-food products has increased from US\$ 4.85 billion in 2015-16 to US\$ 10.42 billion in 2021-22 at a CAGR of 13.6%.

(b): The major steps/measures taken/being taken by Government of India for boosting exports of processed-food products are indicated below:

- (i) The Government is implementing a comprehensive “Agriculture Export Policy” to harness export potential of Indian agriculture including processed food.
- (ii) The District as Export Hubs (DEH) scheme is being implemented on the ODOP (One District One Product) basis.
- (iii) Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme is being implemented for creating global food champions and boosting exports. Branding and marketing support is also being provided under the scheme to increase global visibility of Indian food products.
- (iv) The main export promotion agency for agriculture and processed food products, namely, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has undertaken several measures to promote export and address issues relating to exports, such as:
  - Collaboration with Missions/ Embassies.
  - Organizing virtual trade fairs and Buyer-Seller meets.
  - Export promotion of GI products
  - Product promotion meetings and webinars are organized regularly.
  - Organising sensitization/ capacity building programmes.
  - On the occasion of International Year of Millets (IYoM) 2023, APEDA has also identified innovative product range of processed food such as millets for promotion in international market.