

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *150
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023

EXPORT OF CROPS AND FRUITS

***150. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

- (a) the details of crops and fruits exported by our country including the details of the countries to which the said produces are exported;
- (b) the year-wise volume of the exports during the last five years;
- (c) whether many countries have heavily increased their import duties and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the volume of orange exports of the country during the last five years;
- (e) whether Bangladesh has heavily increased the import duty on Nagpuri Oranges and if so, the reasons therefor including the details thereof;
- (f) whether the said increase has caused reduction in orange export as well as other export products by half of its volume and fall in prices in domestic markets also and if so, the details of the States and crops adversely affected by the said incident;
- (g) whether the Government has carried out any review of the said incident and if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the supportive measures and initiatives taken by the Government to protect orange farmers as well as other farmers and traders from export loss?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred question No. 150 for 13.12.2023 regarding “Export of Crops and Fruits” by Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane and Shri Gajanan Kirtikar:

(a) Out of India’s agriculture export basket comprising of primary as well as value-added products, the crops, which account for substantial share of India’s agriculture exports, are non-Basmati rice, Basmati rice, spices, fresh fruits and fresh vegetables etc. Major fruits exported from the country are grapes, banana, pomegranate, mango, apples, orange etc. Major export destinations for these products are Bangladesh, China, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran, USA etc.

(b) Details of volume of exports of major crops, during the last five years, are at Annexure-I. Details of volume of export of fruits, during the same period, are at Annexure-II.

(c) Importing countries change import duty rates for various products, which is their sovereign right, from time to time, based on several factors such as nature of the product, domestic demand, domestic financial situation, foreign currency reserves etc. However, member countries of World Trade Organisation (WTO) are obligated to keep the import duty rates within the bound tariff rates agreed to by them

(d) The details regarding volume of orange exports of the country, during the last five years, are as under:

				Qty. in MT
2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
43098.28	93749.41	162540.10	119548.04	73157.88
Source: DGCI&S				

(e) Before the 2021-22 Bangladesh budget, the total tax incidence (TTI) for oranges was 89.32%. With a 20% SAFTA rebate, effective duty was 69.32%. The 2021-22 budget introduced a 20% regulatory duty on oranges, increasing TTI to 113.8%, resulting in effective duty rate of 93.8%.

(f) to (h) The said increase in import duty rates by Bangladesh has affected India’s export of oranges, as indicated in the details provided at (d) above, as Bangladesh is a major export destination for Indian oranges. However, as the volume of export of oranges is less than 2% of total production, impact on domestic prices due to lower exports is unlikely. However, overall agriculture exports of the country registered a growth in 2022-23 and as such, there was no impact in respect of export of other agriculture products.

The matter has been consistently pursued through the Indian mission in Dhaka and was taken up in the bilateral meetings between India and Bangladesh viz. the 14th Joint Working Group on Customs meeting held on 21-22 August 2023 and 15th Joint Working Group on Trade meeting held on 26-27 September 2023, between India and Bangladesh. The Indian side requested Bangladesh side to revisit their policy in the interest of the orange farmers in India and reduce the duties to pre-2021-22 budget level. During the 15th Joint Working Group on Trade, Bangladesh side responded that regulatory duty is applied on this item on Most Favoured Nation (MFN) basis, i.e. it is applicable for imports from all countries without discrimination.

The Government has been providing support for holistic growth of horticulture sector, including oranges. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has been implementing Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All States and UTs are covered under MIDH.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a statutory body under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has the mandate to promote export of oranges. APEDA has launched a comprehensive pack house recognition scheme for export of fruits and vegetables, including oranges, with the objective to preserve the quality of the produce. APEDA has registered 214 pack houses for processing of fresh fruits and vegetables, including oranges.

Further, APEDA provides financial assistance to exporters of its scheduled products, including of oranges, under various components of its export promotion scheme viz. Market Development, Infrastructure Development and Quality Development. APEDA also assists exporters in promoting exports by organising buyer-seller meets (BSMs); participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions; taking up the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Market Access issues with the importing countries; and regular interactions with the Indian Missions to tap export opportunities in various countries.

Annexure refer to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred question No. 150 for answer on 13.12.2023.

Annexure-I

<u>INDIA'S EXPORTS OF CROPS</u>					
Qty. in '000 MT					
DESCRIPTION	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
RICE OTHER THAN BASMATI)	7648.00	5056.28	13149.21	17288.96	17792.14
RICE -BASMATI	4414.61	4454.77	4630.21	3943.72	4561.21
SPICES	1133.89	1193.44	1607.06	1427.72	1312.26
WHEAT	226.63	219.69	2154.97	7244.84	4695.80
OTHER CEREALS	1257.24	501.12	3075.66	3859.36	3628.12
FRESH VEGETABLES	3192.49	1930.51	2339.68	2468.40	3383.59
FRESH FRUITS (INCLUDING NUTS)	823.09	834.84	973.18	1166.44	1096.09
GROUNDNUT	489.19	664.44	638.32	514.12	669.51
COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	1143.07	657.81	1213.98	1258.63	318.47
PULSES	287.13	232.08	276.93	387.21	762.67
SESAME SEEDS	312.00	282.26	273.26	242.15	228.65
OTHER OIL SEEDS	213.84	89.64	84.57	60.24	58.23
NIGER SEEDS	13.37	13.83	19.59	6.03	7.74

Source: DGCI&S

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Annexure-II

INDIA'S EXPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS						
						Qty in MT
HSCode	Product	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
8061000	Grapes, Fresh	246133.77	193690.51	246107.37	263075.62	267950.39
8039010	Bananas, Fresh	134503.4	195745.85	232518.22	376572.37	361841.61
8109010	Pomegranates Fresh	67891.8	80547.74	67976.66	99043.09	62280.08
8045029	Other Mangoes	0	0	15795.09	17448.9	17257.28
8081000	Apples, Fresh	16744.61	21182.09	30606.82	31976.52	52875.88
8051000	Oranges, Fresh/Dried	43098.28	93749.41	162540.1	119548.04	73157.88
8045090	Other Mangosteen Fresh / Dried	2892.87	4505.88	7544.14	18229.47	15908.67
8071100	Watermelons, Fresh	33366.46	33750.57	31739.02	32694.52	44999.78
8109090	Other Fresh Fruits	15203.39	10690.18	9894.39	13629.93	10350.55
8045021	Alphonso (Hapus)	0	0	3195.85	5994.86	2829.76
8055000	Lemons	21121.33	14485.92	18788.84	18523.9	11341.23
8045026	Kesar	0	0	983.73	2319.08	1749.97
8043000	Pineapples Fresh Or Dried	6942.12	6682.93	4545.32	7665.42	6961.85
8045010	Guavas Fresh/Dried	956.69	1697.14	2886.37	5339.21	5680.92
8072000	Papaws (Papayas), Fresh/Dried	9785.61	8273.36	7618.72	7754.73	9440.71
8071910	Musk Melons	0	0	4609.63	4215.76	3934.42
8109020	Tamarind, Fresh	3328.82	2293.89	2897.87	4920.12	2793.59
8045022	Banganapalli	0	0	830.55	1674.04	856.91
8109030	Sapota (Chico) Fresh	1423.6	1133.78	657.5	1023.33	972.96
8041010	Dates, Fresh/Dried (Excluding Wet Dates)	78.42	460.99	677.44	1320.87	1916.62
	Other Fruits	61386.54	71036.61	24340.23	19009.83	10104.81
	Total	664857.7	739926.9	876753.9	1051980	965205.9
Source: DGCI&S						
