

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3600 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2021

EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

3600 (H). SHRI ARUN SAO:

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

- (a) whether any special action plan has been chalked out by the Government for export of organic products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the quantity of organic products exported during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government is implementing any specific programme to increase the export of organic products in all the States including Chhattisgarh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a & b) The Government has introduced National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) for regulating and promoting the exports of organic products from the country, including from the State of Chhattisgarh. For export as 'Organic Product' a Transaction Certificate issued by a Certification Body accredited by National Accreditation Body (NAB) for organic products under the NPOP is mandatory. Further, only the products produced, processed and packed as per the standards laid down in NPOP are certified as 'Organic Products for exports.

(c) The details on quantity of organic products exported during the last three years are as under:

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Quantity (in MT)	458339.01	614088.39	638998.44

Source: Data submitted by Certification Bodies in TraceNet

(d & e) The promotion of exports of organic products is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has been mandated with the export promotion of organic products in all the States/UTs of the country, including Chhattisgarh. APEDA provides assistance to the exporters of organic products under various components of its export promotion scheme. APEDA also undertakes various activities to promote exports of organic products viz. addition of new products under NPOP, making efforts to get NPOP standards recognized by the importing countries, promoting 'India Organic' brand through participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions, organising Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMs), organising capacity building and outreach programmes etc.
