

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4786**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**TRADE OF ORGANIC FOOD ITEMS**

4786. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) the details of trade in organic food items during each of the last three years, item-wise indicating India's share in global trade in organic foods at present;
- (b) whether India's share in global trade of organic foods is very low despite farming and availability of organic food in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase India's share in global trade of organic food?

**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) : Item-wise details of India's export of organic products, during each of the last three years, are at Annexure-I. As per the report published by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture & the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) - "The World of Organic Agriculture Statistics and Emerging Trends 2020" – India's share in world organic exports is less than 1 percent.

(b & c): Yes, Sir, while the export of organic products from India has been increasing, India's share in global trade of organic food is still very low, due to following reasons:

- i. Certified organic production in India is still quite low, bulk of which is being consumed in India, as the domestic demand for organic products is rising.
- ii. The conditions for import of organic products are quite stringent in the major importing countries and imports are generally allowed only under bilateral equivalence agreements.

(d) : The promotion of exports of organic products is an ongoing 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. 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.

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## Annexure-I

Category Wise Organic Export for last 3 years							
Quantity in MT; Value in Rs, Lakh							
		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Sl. No.	Category	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	Cereals & Millets	47509.850	32822.23	61184.793	38833.38	48677.636	38382.05
2	Coffee	3017.885	6236.01	2918.957	6651.68	4584.913	11212.62
3	Dry Fruits	4270.343	30686.42	3804.773	27481.19	3714.483	23372.05
4	Essential oil	87.467	2925.28	121.840	4255.80	145.332	4744.08
5	Flowers	317.723	2220.62	558.616	3741.31	346.548	2636.33
6	Fodder	209.055	136.10	1569.653	894.15	4999.128	2244.63
7	Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	222.750	711.53	333.497	941.74	511.286	1327.72
8	Medicinal Plant Products	2008.544	10981.15	2902.722	14623.99	2806.056	17999.76
9	Miscellaneous	22.788	49.82	5.686	8.11	53.459	71.11
10	Oil Seeds	219158.947	101299.93	176112.798	91293.43	100815.431	62093.59
11	Oils & Oleoresins	0.020	1.70	0.205	14.51	0.440	31.41
12	Others	2026.019	1487.82	6098.630	2433.67	5429.048	6190.66
13	Processed Food	146923.258	90751.28	299406.318	234979.55	405383.993	214932.29
14	Pulses	5630.325	6461.42	5180.228	5919.78	4829.606	5989.79
15	Spices & Condiments	5644.866	26764.71	6756.156	29253.95	8053.304	24369.01
16	sugar	15929.147	7420.52	41119.628	20234.67	41940.889	18344.50
17	Tea	5221.722	24154.37	5807.295	33157.26	6210.893	33800.64
18	Tuber Products	138.309	237.41	204.607	358.29	495.953	848.58
<b>Total</b>		<b>458339.018</b>	<b>345348.32</b>	<b>614086.402</b>	<b>515076.43</b>	<b>638998.398</b>	<b>468590.81</b>

Source: Data submitted by Certification Bodies in TraceNet

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