

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1546(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021**

**AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS**

1546(H). SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) whether export of agriculture and related products has been adversely affected due to the situation that arose from Corona pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to tackle this situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The export of agriculture and related products increased by 17.37% during 2020-2021, as compared to 2019-20, in spite of the disruptions caused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Exceptional increase has been registered in the exports of Wheat (775.03%), Non Basmati Rice (136.30%), Vegetable Oils (254.94%), Other Cereals (238.57%), Oil Meals (90.31%) and Cotton (79.43%).

(c) & (d) : Department of Commerce took various steps to facilitate agricultural exports during the COVID-19 pandemic. The validity of various certifications/ accreditations was extended beyond their dates of expiry; control rooms were set up to resolve problems faced by exporters; Export Inspection Council and other boards/ authorities issued online certificates for exports; state governments and district administrations were contacted to resolve specific bottlenecks faced by the exporters; steps were taken to ensure functioning of testing laboratories, etc. As a result of these initiatives, India was able to tide over the disruptions caused by the pandemic and register a significant increase in export of agriculture and related products.

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