

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3577
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th AUGUST, 2021

BOOSTING AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

3577. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to empower farmers to boost agriculture exports from India; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to educate farmers with regard to participating in export of agriculture commodities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): In December 2018, Govt. of India announced a comprehensive Agri Export Policy (AEP) framed for agriculture export promotion with a focus on export oriented production, and it aims at having a farmer centric approach for improved income through value addition at source itself which will help to minimize losses across the value chain. AEP also encourages farmers to grow exportable crops which are in high demand in the international markets through pre/post-harvest management of production in identified clusters in the country, diversifying export basket, destinations and boost high value and value added agricultural exports including focus on perishables, promoting novel, indigenous, organic, ethnic, traditional and non-traditional agri-products' exports, enabling farmers to get benefit of export opportunities in overseas markets. Government is also implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme; Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa in the country. Under the scheme, capacity building of farmers and technicians is also provided. Besides, APEDA is regularly organizing sensitization and awareness programmes for Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) and Farmers Producer Companies (FPCs) across the Country. As part of export promotion programmes, virtual Buyer-Seller Meet are being organized from time to time.

