

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2437
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th MARCH, 2022

EXPORT OF AGRI PRODUCTS/GI PRODUCTS

2437. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to export agri products including Geographical Indication (GI) products to foreign countries through airports across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had identified such agri products including GI products in Tamil Nadu to be exported from any one of the airports located in that State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) Agriculture products, including GI products, are exported from the country through various exit points, including airports, to worldwide export destinations. The Government has taken several steps at State/ District levels to promote exports of agriculture products, including GI products. State specific Action Plans have been prepared and State Level Monitoring Committees (SLMCs), Nodal Agencies for agricultural exports and Cluster Level Committees have been formed in a number of States. Country and product-specific action plans have also been formulated to promote exports. It has also been decided that the District as Export Hub Initiative of the Department of Commerce would be utilized to achieve the objectives of the Agriculture Export Policy. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been organising Buyer Seller Meets and outreach programmes on sensitization of good farm cultivation practices, pre and post-harvest handling management of the produce etc. to promote export of agriculture products, including GI products, from various States of the country.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government, in consultation with the State Government of Tamil Nadu, has identified various agriculture products such as non-basmati rice, maize, groundnut, ragi, bajra, black gram, coconut, mango, banana, Okra, onion, jasmine, cut-flowers, spices etc. for export from Tamil Nadu. Unique products from the State, which have the potential for GI tagging and export have also been identified. These products are Sholavandhan Betel Leaf (Madurai), Chettikulam small onion (Perambalur), Panruti jack fruit (Cuddalore), Sattur samba chilli (Virudunagar), Elavambadi Mullu Kathirikkai (Vellore), Chithirai Kar rice (Ramananthapuram), Kumbakonam betel leaf, Panruti cashew, Attur Kichali Samba rice (Salem) and Kannadi Kathari (Salem).

The agricultural products, including GI products, from Tamil Nadu are exported through various ports and airports of the country including the Chennai, Trichy, Coimbatore and Madurai airports of the State.
