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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4399 (H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th MARCH, 2022

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POTENTIAL

4399(H). SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any studies on the country's agricultural export potential;
- (b) if so, the type of such study and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the possibilities of such studies in the future; and
- (d) the details of the agreement for expanding the scope of agricultural trade between India and other countries during the last three years?

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) to (c): A High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) was constituted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to assess the global environment and make recommendations for boosting India's share and importance in global merchandise and services trade; managing pressing bilateral trade relations; and mainstreaming new age policy making. HLAG submitted its report in September 2019 containing macro recommendations as well as sector-specific recommendations, including for the agriculture sector. No further studies are planned at this stage.
- (d): So far, India has signed 12 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and 6 Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with its trading partners for enhanced market access for Indian products, including agricultural products.
