

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5712
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th APRIL, 2022

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

5712. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

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

- (a) whether the Government has been in the process of boosting agricultural exports with a view to double its income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any facilities are being provided by the Government to the farmers including incentives and sops for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to educate the farmers with a view to make them participate in exports and boost agricultural exports?

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) : Promotion of export of agricultural products is a continuous process. It has been decided that the District as Export Hub Initiative of the Department of Commerce would be utilized to promote agricultural exports. The Department of Commerce provides assistance through several schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme etc. In addition, assistance to the exporters of agricultural products is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board and Spices Board. To promote agricultural exports, the Government has also taken several steps at State/ District levels. 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.

(c) & (d): In an effort to provide export market linkage to the farmers, a Farmer Connect Portal has been set up for providing a platform for farmers, Farmer-Producer Organizations/Companies (FPOs/FPCs) and cooperatives to interact with exporters. A series of capacity building/training programs have been carried out in States and identified agri-export clusters, in association with the State departments, State Agriculture Universities and Krishi Vikas Kendras, for the FPOs/FPCs/Cooperatives. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is collaborating with multiple organisations viz. National Cooperative Development Cooperation (NCDC), Small farmers agri business consortium (SFAC), Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to strengthen the farmers' groups through awareness and sensitization programs.
