

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2822
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd AUGUST, 2022

EXPORT FROM ASSAM

2822. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Government for export growth within Assam so far;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for this within Assam so far;
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with the response in this regard;
- (d) whether a significant increase has been recorded after these initiatives within Assam and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has signed an MoU as a further step towards these initiatives within Assam and 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) : The major initiatives taken by the government for export growth from Assam are as below:

(1) Steps taken by Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) :

- i. Organizing International Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) in North East to boost export for the region.
- ii. Providing financial assistance through Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) to facilitate the exporters of Agri - products by providing assistance to exporters under the following components (i) Development of Export Infrastructure, (ii) Quality development and Market Development
- iii. Organizing several sensitization meeting / programs in NER in association with State Departments, State Agriculture Universities, Krishi Vikash Kendra, Farmers for identification of progressive Farmers groups and strengthening the export linkage of FPOs/FPCs.

iv. Export oriented production clusters have been identified and notified in various districts under Agri Export policy.

(2) Intensive Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) for the tea importers from Russian Federation, UAE & the GCC countries were organized on virtual platforms during Sep-Oct 2020 in collaboration with the Indian Missions in Moscow and Dubai respectively, where a couple of exporters from the NER participated for promotion of “Assam Orthodox Teas” and “Assam CTC Teas”. Furthermore, Financial assistance to stakeholders for export of tea through the ICD Amingaon is provided under the Tea Development & Promotion Scheme.

(3) The initiatives taken by **Spices board** include Implementing various schemes for post-harvest improvement and export promotion of spices, benefiting stakeholders of the Spices Sector in Assam. Under the Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion & Quality Improvement in Spices and Research & Development of Cardamom- from FY 2021-22, various programmes have been implemented by the Spices Board, in the State of Assam:

- i. Organized Quality Improvement training programs (QITP) benefitting 500 beneficiaries of Assam to provide training on quality and safety aspects of spices in line with the applicable standards of various importing countries, so as to facilitate generation of an exportable surplus.
- ii. Provides a platform for interaction and building direct market linkages between spice growers, exporters and importers, by organizing Buyer Seller Meet(BSM) meets across India. During FY 2022-23, an International Buyer Seller Meet(IBSM) and Spices Conclave was held at Guwahati, Assam.

(4) Under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), the Central Government assistance for infrastructure creation is in the form of grant-in-aid. For the projects located in North Eastern States this grant can be upto 80% of the total equity.

(b) to (d) : The funds spent by Tea Board, Spices Board, APEDA and TIES is at Annexure. The overall exports from Assam during the three years is as below :-

FINANCIAL YEAR	EXPORT VALUE (IN Million USD)	% GROWTH
2019-20	436.72	
2020-21	415.62	-4.83
2021-22	450.42	8.37

Source: DGCIS

(e): APEDA has signed an MOU with Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat to conduct various training program on pre-harvest, post-harvest management and other research programs for promotion of export from the region.

ANNEXURE

Annexure mentioned in reply to Parts (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2822 for answer on 03-08-2022 - The funds spent by Tea Board, Spices Board, APEDA and TIES

- (i) Funds utilized by Tea Board and Spices Board for Assam during the period 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as under :

(Rs. In lakh)

Sr. No	Year	Tea Board	Spices Board
1.	2019-20	307.00	13.97
2.	2020-21	427.00	34.30
3.	2021-22	130.00	60.95

- (ii) Funds spent by APEDA for promotion of exports in North Eastern Region which includes Assam under the Financial Assistance Scheme are as follows :

Sr. No	Year	Amount spent in NER
1.	2019-20	Rs.5.40 Crore
2.	2020-21	Rs. 3.00 Crore
3.	2021-22	Rs. 5.40 Crore

- (iii) The details of funds provided for approved projects in Assam under TIES is as follows:
(Amount in Cr.)

No. of projects approved under TIES	Total TIES share for approved projects	Total TIES grant released, till date
02	22.93	15.42
