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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
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EXPORTS OF KALANAMAK RICE

2744. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the details of the exports of Kalanamak rice since the declaration of Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2012;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote Kalanamak rice in the international market; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering granting GI tags to other indigenous cereal, pulse or grain varieties, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) In India, the products are classified into tariff items at 8-digit, notified under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. There was no separate HS Code for other GI varieties of Rice, including Kalanamak rice, till 30th April 2025, except for basmati rice. With effect from 1st May 2025, Government has created new tariff items for rice recognised by the Geographical Indication Registry. Accordingly, there is no separate export data for Kalanamak rice, as its export was recorded under Non-Basmati rice. The export data for non-basmati rice from 2012 is as below:

Year	Export value (US\$ Million)
2011-12	1806.03
2012-13	2651.97
2013-14	2917.76
2014-15	3334.71
2015-16	2368.64
2016-17	2531.47
2017-18	3564.39
2018-19	3047.83
2019-20	2014.60

2020-21	4799.91
2021-22	6124.27
2022-23	6355.74
2023-24	4570.06
2024-25	6527.69

Source: DGCIS

(b) The Department of Commerce through the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial support to its member exporters for export promotion of its Scheduled products, including Kalanamak rice, through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). The scheme has three components viz., Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development. The scheme guidelines are available at APEDA's website www.apeda.gov.in under the "Scheme" tab.

In addition to the above, following steps have been taken for the promotion of exports of Kalanamak rice:

- i. Promotion of Kalanamak rice, by showcasing in World Food India, Indus Food and Gulfood 2024 in Dubai. In these events, subsidized exhibition space was also provided to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) enabling them to showcase Kalanamak rice and connect with international buyers.
- ii. Research project has been awarded to the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC) for comprehensive grain and nutritional quality profiling of non-basmati rice varieties across India including Kalanamak rice, and for developing value-added products from rice and rice based food systems.
- iii. APEDA in association with district administration of Siddharth Nagar organized a buyer-seller meet on 22nd to 23rd December, 2024 at Siddharth Nagar. This event involved the participation of farmers, FPOs, leading exporters and exporter associations.
- iv. Since 2022, around ten training and capacity building programmes for the stakeholders of Kalamnamak rice have been conducted in Siddharth Nagar, covering more than 6000 participants.

(c) Granting GI tag to a product is guided by Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999 and Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Rules, 2002. Accordingly, product found eligible as per the specified criteria under above mentioned Act and Rules is granted status as a Geographical Indication.
