

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.40 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR EXPORT

40 (H). SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance to the farmers growing grapes in the country particularly in Nasik district for directly exporting their produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)(स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a to c) The cultivation of grapes is supported through Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in all the States by providing assistance in the form of planting material, drip irrigation, trellies and integrated nutrient and pest management. The maximum of Rs.1.60 lakh/ha (40% of the cost) for integrated package with drip irrigation & trellies and Rs.0.50 lakh /ha (40% of the cost) for without integration are given to meet the expenditure on planting material and cost of material for drip irrigation, trellies & INM/IPM in three installments of 60:20:20 to survival rate of 75% in 2nd year and 90% in 3rd year. The assistance will be @ 50% of cost for NE and Himalayan States, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

The Government is implementing a number of measures and incentives for promoting the exports of agricultural products including grapes. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce extends financial assistance to the eligible exporters under “Agriculture export promotion Plan Scheme” which comprises of various components namely; Market Development; Infrastructure Development; Quality Development; and Transport Assistance. Also, exports of grapes are eligible for an incentive of 5% under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).

In addition to this Grape Net is an internet based electronic service offered by APEDA to the Stakeholders for facilitating testing and certification of Grapes for export from India to the European Union in compliance with the standards identified by NRC Pune, on the basis of consultation with exporters. Grape Net collects, stores and reports – forward and backward traces and quality assurance data entered by the stakeholders i.e. exporters, laboratories and PSC authorities within Grapes supply chain in India.
