

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 358
ANSWERED ON 21/07/2026

EXPORTS OF ALPHONSO MANGOES

358. SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:
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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that exports of Maharashtra's renowned Alphonso mangoes have been severely affected during 2026 due to extreme weather conditions, regulatory restrictions in key importing countries, and rising logistics costs, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether unseasonal heatwaves and erratic climatic conditions in the Konkan region, particularly Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, have caused substantial crop losses and reduced exportable surplus, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether countries such as Japan and Nepal have imposed restrictions on Indian mango imports citing quarantine, treatment protocol and pesticide residue concerns and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether escalating air freight and shipping charges, coupled with disruptions in West Asian trade routes, have adversely affected Maharashtra exporters, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to restore market access, strengthen export compliance infrastructure, provide financial assistance to affected growers and exporters, and promote new export destinations for Alphonso mangoes from Maharashtra?

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), (b), (d) & (e) The Government of Maharashtra has reported damage to the Alphonso Mango crop in the Konkan region, particularly Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts, due to

unseasonal heatwaves and erratic climatic conditions, impacting mango production and availability of quality produce for exports.

Further, exporters have reported disruptions in terms of increased freight rates, imposition of war-risk surcharges, container shortages, delays in shipment schedules, and congestion at ports due to the Geo-political situation in West Asia and Middle East.

To support the exporters, including exporters from Maharashtra, Government has implemented RELIEF – Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) and includes support for insured exporters, facilitation of insurance cover for upcoming shipments, and reimbursement assistance for eligible MSME exporters facing extraordinary freight and insurance surcharge burdens on shipments to the affected West Asia region.

The Department of Commerce through the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial assistance to exporters, for export promotion of its Scheduled products, including of Mangoes, through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). The scheme through its components viz., Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development enables market access, strengthens export compliance infrastructure, and facilitates expansion of exports to new destinations.

The Government has been working towards expanding the footprint of Indian Mangoes, including Alphonso mangoes and as a result the number of countries to which Alphonso mangoes are being exported has increased from 24 in 2020-21 to 34 countries in the current financial year (2026-27). Promotion events for Mangoes, have been conducted in more than 15 countries such as USA, Belgium, UAE, Germany, Iceland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Australia, France, Brunei, Qatar, Italy, Russia etc so as to expand the footprint of Mangoes produced in India, including from Maharashtra.

(c) There are no restrictions on Mango exports to Nepal. Government of Nepal has clarified that imports of mangoes are permitted subject to the prescribed phytosanitary requirements. With respect to Japan, in the 2026 pre-season inspection of Indian facilities by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, certain issues were raised by Japan, which have been addressed by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) India. The National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO), remains engaged with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan to resolve the issues flagged by the Japanese side for the resumption of exports of Mangoes to the Japanese market.
