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|----|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2. | Construction                    | 3.67   | -0.23 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.23 |
| 3. | Trade                           | 14.45  | 0.26  | -0.07 | 0.07  | 0.29 | 0.55  |
| 4. | Transport                       | 5.8    | 0.17  | 0.00  | 0.01  | 0.03 | 0.21  |
| 5. | Accommodation<br>and Restaurant | 7.74   | 0.01  | -0.08 | 0.00  | 0.03 | -0.04 |
| 6. | IT/ BPO                         | 10.36  | -0.16 | 0.26  | 0.12  | 0.13 | 0.35  |
| 7. | Education                       | 49.98  | 0.51  | -0.02 | 0.18  | 0.02 | 0.69  |
| 8. | Health                          | 12.05  | 0.33  | 0.00  | 0.02  | 0.31 | 0.66  |
|    | TOTAL                           | 205.22 | 0.77  | 0.32  | 1.22  | 1.85 | 4.16  |

*Source:* Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment.

#### **Trend of agricultural exports**

2103. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- what is the trend of agricultural exports during the past three years;
- which is the most imported crop in the country; and
- whether Government has taken any step to analyze the pricing of agricultural exports and to set up a quality assurance mechanism for agricultural exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY): (a) The trend of agricultural exports, during the past three years, is as under:—

| Year                                   | 2014-15   | 2015-16   | 2016-17   |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Value of Agri<br>exports (USD Million) | 38,706.18 | 32,426.68 | 33,283.42 |

*Source:* DGCI&S.

The export of agricultural products, after declining during 2015-16, has registered an increase in 2016-17.

(b) The most imported agricultural products in the country are vegetable oils with imports amounting to USD 10.89 billion during 2016-17. The major edible oils imported are palmoil (USD 6.1 billion), soyabean oil (USD 2.8 billion) and sunflower oil (USD 1.5 billion). Among the crops, pulses are the largest imported item. The major pulses imported during 2016-17 are yellow peas (USD 1.2 billion), chana (USD 0.9 billion), moong and urad (USD 0.67 billion), masoor (USD 0.63 billion) and tur (USD 0.6 billion).

(c) The pricing of agricultural exports depends on the prevailing international market prices, which in turn depend on various factors such as demand and supply situation, international political situation, trade policies of major importing and exporting countries for a particular commodity etc. As for quality assurance mechanism, the exporters are required to follow quality standards set by international standard organizations viz., CODEX, OIE and IPPC or the standards set by the importing country. The Export Inspection Council, APEDA and other commodity boards establish product and market-specific quality assurance mechanisms as per the requirements.

**Action plan to enhance marine products exports from Visakhapatnam**

2104. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1030 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 2016 and state:

(a) whether MPEDA has submitted any action plan to enhance production and export of marine products from Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Visakhapatnam is the leading port in export of marine products in the country;

(d) if so, what is the position of other ports with regard to marine products exports; and

(e) how Blue Revolution is going to help in enhancing marine exports from Visakhapatnam and production of marine products in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MPEDA has submitted an action plan to the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh for development of export oriented fisheries in the state which includes Visakhapatnam also. The action plan includes proposal for:—