

Increase in export of organic products

2278. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a constant increase in export of organic food products from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what organic products are having good market in foreign countries and what is the volume of exports and its value during the last three years?

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

(b) and (c) The details of export of organic products during the last three years are as under:—

Years	Quantity in MT	Value in US\$ Million	% increase (value)
2015-16	2,63,687	298	
2016-17	3,09,767	370	25.42
2017-18	4,58,339	516	39.35

Source: APEDA.

The major organic products exported from India are oil seeds such as soyabean and sesame seeds and cereals such as rice and millets.

Trade restrictive measures by WTO members

2279. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the World Trade Organisation have applied as many as 137 new trade restrictive measures, including tariff hikes and quantitative restrictions during the one year period starting October, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Report of Trade Policy Review Body of WTO on trade related developments, presented to members on 11th December, 2018, the WTO members (including India) applied 137 new trade-restrictive measures during the period mid-October, 2017 to mid-October,