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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2848(H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th MARCH, 2021

EXPORT OF MILLETS

2848(H). SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantity and price value of millets exported from the country during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (b) whether Government proposes to prepare a plan involving new areas/countries in consultation with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to give a boost to the export of millets from the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a): The details of quantity and value of millets exported from the country during the last three years and the current financial year are at Annexure-I.

(b & c): Export promotion of agriculture products like millets is a continuous process. To promote agricultural exports, including export of millets, the Government has introduced a comprehensive Agriculture Export Policy. The Government has also introduced a Central Sector Scheme – 'Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products' - for providing assistance for the international component of freight, to mitigate the freight disadvantage for the export of specified agriculture products, including millets.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has the mandate to promote export of millets. The Government has also established an Export Promotion Forum (EPF) for Nutri Cereals, which also include millets, under the aegis of APEDA. The EPF has representation from trade/industry, line ministries/departments, regulatory agencies, research institutes, state governments etc. Meetings of the EPF are held regularly to discuss the various issues affecting the exports, such as identification of potential markets, SPS/ TBT issues, market access issues, plans for export promotion and capacity building programmes etc. Recommendations made by the EPF are passed on to the relevant authorities for appropriate action. Exporters of millets are also entitled to assistance under various components of the export promotion scheme of APEDA.

Annexure-I

		EXPORT	OF MI	LLEIS					
	T	Qty in MT; Value in USD Million							
HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21 (Apr-Dec)	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Valu
10081010	BUCK WHEAT OF SEED QTLY	5.97	0.01	3.69	0.01	13.45	0.02	19.01	0.02
10081090	OTHER BUCK WHEAT	2189.18	0.66	6100.74	1.76	7215.27	2.28	1413.01	0.79
10082110	JAWAR OF SEED QLT Y	187.73	0.16	1481.66	0.63	307.60	0.38	187.71	0.2
10082120	BAJRA OF SEED QLTY	17496.80	6.18	22963.60	9.68	11666.71	6.29	7203.15	2.6
10082130	RAGI OF SEED QLTY	8272.92	3.40	10534.40	3.23	9645.07	3.00	15241.44	4.5
10082910	JAWAR	883.57	0.32	306.71	0.16	416.97	0.26	472.26	0.2
10082920	BAJRA	45497.16	12.33	38863.59	11.10	40560.98	14.58	34605.32	10.4
10082930	RAGI	6902.12	2.10	2996.93	0.93	5174.68	1.94	4544.10	1.4
10083010	CANARY OF SEED QUALITY	22.67	0.01	26.66	0.01	5.08	0.00	43.30	0.0
10083090	OTHER CANARY	101.97	0.10	169.49	0.12	268.56	0.29	859.49	0.3
	TOTAL	81560.08	25.27	83447.47	27.63	75274.36	29.05	64588.78	20.7

Source: DGCI&S
