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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2603**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**BOOST TO EXPORTS FROM NORTH EAST REGION**

2603. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding commodity exports from North East region during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government plans to boost the exports of various items from North East region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the financial outlay of schemes/programmes being undertaken; and
- (d) the major impediments in boosting exports from the North East and the details of Government's plan to tackle it?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) : The details of commodity exports from North East Region during last three years is at Annexure-I.
- (b) to (d): Yes Sir. Several steps and schemes have been devised to promote exports from North East Region. Some of the key schemes/interventions taken to promote export infrastructure, improve market access and tackle other impediments are as below:
  - i. In order to support the tea sector, Government of India has taken various initiatives through the Tea Board by way of providing financial and technical assistance to growers and the industry for new planting, re-plantation, rejuvenation, quality up-gradation, value addition and market promotion. The Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS) has been approved for implementation from 2021-22 till 2025-26, where a key component is allotment of Rs.93.06 Cr for implementing a 'Sector Specific Action Plan' for North East for utilizing the potential of the region by boosting production and exports, with emphasis on organic tea exports.

- ii. 'Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion & Quality Improvement in Spices and Research & Development of Cardamom' has been approved by the Department for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. Under this scheme, specific allotment of Rs 8.50 Cr for NE Region has been made for FY 2021-22. Further, Spices Board has set up a network of 18 offices in NE States. The Board also has established the Regional Research Station of Indian Cardamom Research Institute (ICRI) at Tadong in Sikkim to undertake research on large cardamom.
- iii. For Agricultural products, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been organizing International Buyer-Seller Meet in North East to boost export for the region. APEDA also provides financial assistance through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) which aims to facilitate the exporters of Agri- products by providing assistance to exporters under the following components (i) Development of Export Infrastructure, (ii) Quality Development and (iii) Market development. Under all the scheme components of APEDA for 2021-26 special financial focus has been laid down on all North eastern states by providing higher percentage of assistance i.e. upto 75% for all activities / components.
- iv. Under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, financial support is provided to Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), Commodity Boards, Trade Bodies, etc. for various initiatives and activities, with the objective to develop trade, market intelligence and build appropriate skill sets. The exporters from the NER are eligible for priority sector funding at the enhanced rate of 90% of the actual expenditure. MAI assistance of Rs.10.78 Crore has been approved to EPCs and Trade Bodies for undertaking export promotion activities pertaining to the NER during FY 2021-22.
- v. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) is being implemented from FY 2017-18 for all States/UTs with the objective of assisting Central and State Government agencies for creation of appropriate infrastructure for growth of exports. Under the scheme, Central Government assistance upto 80% of total equity is provided in the form of grant-in-aid in the total project cost for projects located in North Eastern States. The Scheme has been extended for the period FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 with total financial outlay of Rs. 360 crores.
- vi. The Border Haats are set up in Tripura and Meghalaya under Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh for promoting traditional system of marketing the local produce.

- vii. The Government of India has declared the Shellac & Forest Products Export Promotion Council (SHEFEXIL) as the nodal agency for export promotion from the North-Eastern states.
- viii. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) hosted a meeting for the Department of Fisheries of North Eastern States to explore the possibilities of implementation of viable projects towards aquaculture development in these states. The states have been informed of the measures to be taken by them to increase production and boosting exports of Tilapia Fish.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**Export of Major Commodities from North-Eastern States during the last three financial years and current financial year**

North Eastern States	Major Commodity Groups	Export in Million USD			
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	TEA				0.00
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	COFFEE	0.21			
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	RICE	0.04	0.01		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	OTHER CEREALS		0.01		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	SPICES	0.02	0.09	0.05	
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	OIL SEEDS	0.04			
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.29	0.03		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.01		0.19	
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	0.11	0.19	0.01	
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	0.00			
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.01	0.01		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.00		0.06	
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS			0.00	0.02
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.00
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ENGINEERING GOODS	1.24	1.08	0.13	1.36
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.00	0.00		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUP S, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.00	0.00	0.00	

North Eastern States	Major Commodity Groups	Export in Million USD			
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADE UPS ETC.			0.00	
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.01		0.01	0.00
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING		0.02		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	0.00	0.00		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.12	0.02		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	0.02	0.00		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	OTHERS	0.16	0.04	0.04	0.03
ASSAM	TEA	284.74	312.46	281.42	157.36
ASSAM	COFFEE	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.11
ASSAM	RICE	0.77	0.14	0.67	1.30
ASSAM	OTHER CEREALS	0.02	0.15	0.12	0.26
ASSAM	TOBACCO		0.07		
ASSAM	SPICES	0.35	0.49	0.64	0.74
ASSAM	CASHEW				0.00
ASSAM	OIL MEALS	0.02		0.01	0.26
ASSAM	OIL SEEDS	2.60	3.14	2.40	1.01
ASSAM	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.24	0.19	0.32	0.71
ASSAM	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	0.83	1.51	2.68	1.98
ASSAM	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.36	0.01	0.47	0.18
ASSAM	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	0.05	0.26	0.95	0.78
ASSAM	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	31.72	38.81	27.49	28.12
ASSAM	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	0.00	0.02	0.29	0.31
ASSAM	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.53	0.28	0.86	0.70
ASSAM	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.30	0.13	0.94	0.00

North Eastern States	Major Commodity Groups	Export in Million USD			
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
ASSAM	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	2.95	3.30	5.52	10.13
ASSAM	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	6.85	8.64	7.02	10.03
ASSAM	ENGINEERING GOODS	11.91	14.89	17.93	12.37
ASSAM	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.48	0.88	4.43	2.50
ASSAM	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEU PS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.18
ASSAM	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEU PS ETC.	0.08	0.05	0.58	0.41
ASSAM	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.02	0.18	0.28	0.32
ASSAM	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.00
ASSAM	CARPET			0.00	0.02
ASSAM	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.15
ASSAM	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	14.82	34.08	43.52	52.11
ASSAM	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	1.50	2.90	4.06	3.00
ASSAM	OTHERS	8.57	13.98	12.64	9.69
MANIPUR	TEA	0.00	0.01		
MANIPUR	RICE	0.02			0.06
MANIPUR	OTHER CEREALS		0.00		
MANIPUR	SPICES				0.00
MANIPUR	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.02	0.01		
MANIPUR	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	0.05			
MANIPUR	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	0.11		0.00	
MANIPUR	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.03	0.00		

North Eastern States	Major Commodity Groups	Export in Million USD			
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
MANIPUR	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.00	0.18	0.02	
MANIPUR	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	0.48		0.04	0.00
MANIPUR	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	
MANIPUR	ENGINEERING GOODS	1.29	0.66	0.89	0.20
MANIPUR	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.16			
MANIPUR	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.01	0.00		0.43
MANIPUR	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.04			0.14
MANIPUR	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET				0.03
MANIPUR	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.38	0.01		
MANIPUR	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM		0.01		
MANIPUR	OTHERS	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.00
MEGHALAYA	TEA	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03
MEGHALAYA	RICE	0.00			
MEGHALAYA	OTHER CEREALS			0.00	
MEGHALAYA	SPICES	0.36	0.20	0.03	0.10
MEGHALAYA	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.15	0.02		
MEGHALAYA	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM		0.02	0.03	0.04
MEGHALAYA	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.01	0.02		
MEGHALAYA	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	48.36	41.36	7.58	2.78
MEGHALAYA	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.01		0.00	
MEGHALAYA	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.47	0.29		
MEGHALAYA	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS				0.00

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
MEGHALAYA	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.00	0.03		0.00
MEGHALAYA	ENGINEERING GOODS	0.81	0.70	0.25	1.28
MEGHALAYA	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.00	0.00		0.01
MEGHALAYA	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADE UPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.00			
MEGHALAYA	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES		0.00		
MEGHALAYA	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	0.09	0.00	0.03	0.02
MEGHALAYA	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.14	0.07		
MEGHALAYA	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	0.02			
MEGHALAYA	OTHERS	3.40	4.25	2.92	1.91
MIZORAM	OTHER CEREALS	0.01			
MIZORAM	SPICES	0.26	0.05	0.01	
MIZORAM	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.42	0.42	0.37	
MIZORAM	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM				0.00
MIZORAM	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.00		0.11	
MIZORAM	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	0.13	0.02	0.00	
MIZORAM	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES				0.02
MIZORAM	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.01	0.00		
MIZORAM	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.15			
MIZORAM	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS				0.01
MIZORAM	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.00	0.00		0.00



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MIZORAM	ENGINEERING GOODS	0.12	0.02	0.19	0.00
MIZORAM	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.00	0.00		
MIZORAM	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.00			
MIZORAM	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.04			0.00
MIZORAM	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING		0.00		
MIZORAM	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.08	0.03		0.00
MIZORAM	OTHERS	0.19	0.05	0.01	3.80
NAGALAND	COFFEE	0.01	0.03		
NAGALAND	RICE	0.01			
NAGALAND	OTHER CEREALS	0.00			
NAGALAND	TOBACCO			0.17	0.12
NAGALAND	SPICES			0.00	
NAGALAND	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.04	0.00		0.01
NAGALAND	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM			0.01	
NAGALAND	MARINE PRODUCTS		0.00		
NAGALAND	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	0.32	0.07		
NAGALAND	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	0.14	0.04		
NAGALAND	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	0.00			0.01
NAGALAND	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.02	0.01	2.03	
NAGALAND	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.00			
NAGALAND	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS				0.00
NAGALAND	ENGINEERING GOODS	0.30	2.13	2.06	0.00
NAGALAND	ELECTRONIC GOODS		0.28	1.02	0.06

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
NAGALAND	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUP S, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.12
NAGALAND	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUP S ETC.				0.00
NAGALAND	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.02	0.12	0.00	0.00
NAGALAND	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING		0.01		
NAGALAND	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.02
NAGALAND	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.05	0.01		
NAGALAND	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	0.01	0.00		
NAGALAND	OTHERS	1.73	2.84	0.65	0.38
SIKKIM	TEA	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03
SIKKIM	RICE	0.01	0.01	0.02	
SIKKIM	OTHER CEREALS	0.03	0.01		
SIKKIM	SPICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
SIKKIM	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.19	0.04		0.00
SIKKIM	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	2.10	2.26	1.26	0.78
SIKKIM	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.01	0.01	0.00	
SIKKIM	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	0.25	0.01		
SIKKIM	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES		0.01		0.00
SIKKIM	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	0.01	0.01		
SIKKIM	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	0.04	0.03		
SIKKIM	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	2.21	3.99	5.95	10.09

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
SIKKIM	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.26	0.12	0.08	0.13
SIKKIM	ENGINEERING GOODS	1.10	2.63	1.87	1.47
SIKKIM	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.03	0.10	0.03	0.04
SIKKIM	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	0.02	0.07		
SIKKIM	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.		0.05		
SIKKIM	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.06	0.04	0.03	
SIKKIM	CARPET	0.00			
SIKKIM	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET				0.00
SIKKIM	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.62	0.14		
SIKKIM	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	0.33	0.20	0.01	0.01
SIKKIM	OTHERS	0.66	0.14	0.08	0.00
TRIPURA	TEA			0.02	
TRIPURA	RICE	0.08	0.03		
TRIPURA	OTHER CEREALS	0.01			0.00
TRIPURA	SPICES	0.03		0.09	
TRIPURA	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0.48	0.84	0.07	0.26
TRIPURA	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.23	0.02		
TRIPURA	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	0.15	0.02		
TRIPURA	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS			0.15	0.00
TRIPURA	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.00			
TRIPURA	ENGINEERING GOODS	0.14	0.02	10.56	11.59
TRIPURA	ELECTRONIC GOODS		0.06		
TRIPURA	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.				0.00

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Nov)
TRIPURA	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	0.27	0.57	0.03	0.04
TRIPURA	CARPET		0.01	0.00	
TRIPURA	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	0.01			
TRIPURA	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	0.16	0.10		
TRIPURA	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	0.00	0.00		
TRIPURA	OTHERS	0.16	0.07	0.28	0.25

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