

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2121**  
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2024

**TRENDS AND IMPACT OF FARM EXPORTS**

2121. SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of top ten items of farm exports;
- (b) whether it is a fact that farm exports have come down from US\$53.15 billion 2022-23;
- (c) if so, the details of farm exports in 2023-24 and first half of 2024-25;
- (d) impact of global prices on export of farm exports due to supply disruptions from Russia-Ukraine War, Houthi attacks, etc.;
- (e) impact of export curbs imposed by Government on farm exports; and
- (f) the manner in which Government is planning to address various issues relating to farm exports and help farmers?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) The details of export of Agricultural Commodities (top ten) for the year 2023-24 are placed at Annexure – I.

(b) to (e) The value of farm exports during the course of a year, amongst others, is dependent on exportable surplus within the country, prevailing international prices of the commodities and international demand for the products. The value of farm exports for the years 2022-23, 2023-24 are placed at Annexure – II. The value of farm exports for the first half of year 2023-24 and 2024-25 are placed at Annexure – III.

The export curbs have contributed to the reduction in value of agricultural exports during 2023-24. However, the export curbs by government are to ensure adequate availability of agricultural products in the domestic market at reasonable prices. Furthermore, though the external events like War, Houthi attacks etc do impact the supply chains, logistics and consequently prices, the extent of impact of the same, if any, on the value of exports cannot be segregated.

(f) The Department of Commerce through Agricultural and Processed food products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial assistance to member exporters of APEDA from across the country under Agriculture and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA for the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) in following three broad areas:

- i. **Scheme for infrastructure Development-** Financial assistance for setting up of packhouses facilities with packing / grading lines, pre-cooling unit with cold storage

and refrigerated transportation etc., cable system for handling of crops like banana, pre-shipment treatment facilities such as irradiation, vapor heat treatment, hot water dip treatment and Common infrastructure facilities, reefer vans and missing gap in the existing infrastructure of individual exporters.

- ii. **Scheme for Quality Development** –Financial assistance for purchase of laboratory testing equipment, installation of quality management system, handheld devices for capturing farm level coordinates for traceability and testing of water, soil, residues and pesticides etc.
- iii. **Scheme for Market Promotion-** The assistance covers participation of exporters in international trade fairs, organizing buyer seller meets and developing packaging standards for new products and upgrading the existing standards.

The Department of Commerce also provides financial assistance to promote exports of agricultural products through Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, and Export Promotion Schemes of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tea Board, Coffee Board and Spices Board.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 2121 for answer on 13.12.2024

Annexure – I

Export of Agricultural Commodities (Top 10)	
Value in US\$ Million	
Product Name	2023-24
Marine Products	7,366.98
Non-Basmati Rice	4,570.05
Sugar	2,822.25
Basmati Rice	5,837.13
Spices	4,245.99
Buffalo Meat	3,740.16
Oil Meals	1,712.28
Wheat	56.66
Misc. Processed Items	1,652.22
Castor Oil	1,070.66
Others	15,683.10
Total	48,757.48

Source: DGCI&S

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 2121 for answer on 13.12.2024

Annexure – II

Export of Agricultural Commodities (Top 10)			
Value in US\$ Million			
Product Name	2022-23	2023-24	% of growth
Marine Products	8,077.97	7,366.98	-8.80
Non-Basmati Rice	6,355.75	4,570.05	-28.10
Sugar	5,770.64	2,822.25	-51.09
Basmati Rice	4,787.5	5,837.13	21.92
Spices	3,787.08	4,245.99	12.12
Buffalo Meat	3,193.69	3,740.16	17.11
Oil Meals	1,600.9	1,712.28	6.96
Wheat	1,519.69	56.66	-96.27
Misc. Processed Items	1,418.67	1,652.22	16.46
Castor Oil	1,265.64	1,070.66	-15.41
Others	15,337.91	15,683.10	2.25
Total	53,115.44	48,757.48	-8.20

Source: DGCI&S

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Annexure – III

Export of Agricultural Commodities (Top 10)			
Value in US\$ Million			
Product Name	2023-24 (April - September)	2024-25 (April - September)	% of growth
Marine Products	3,803.88	3,384.47	-11.03
Non-Basmati Rice	2,706.58	2250.71	-16.84
Basmati Rice	2,589.98	2,869.65	10.80
Spices	1,949.78	2,092.23	7.31
Buffalo Meat	1,734.4	1,806.13	4.14
Sugar	1,302.06	1,108.41	-14.87
Misc. Processed Items	828.77	875.24	5.61
Oil Meals	786.02	695.28	-11.54
Coffee	631.2	932.03	47.66
Castor Oil	544	621.17	14.19
Others	6,733.91	7,103.48	5.49
Total	23,610.58	23,738.80	0.54

Source: DGCI&S

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