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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2136**  
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2024

**PROMOTION OF EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

2136. SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase the export of agricultural products;
- (b) the details of the crops identified by Government mainly for export; and
- (c) whether there are special economic assistance or incentive schemes to increase the export of agricultural products, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (c)** 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.

(b) The export of Agricultural crops is largely dependent on international demand and availability of exportable surplus in the country. The top ten Agriculture Commodities in terms of exports along with their value of annual exports for the year 2023-24 are as below:

Export of Agricultural Commodities for the Year 2023-24	
Products	Value in US \$ Million
Marine Products	7,366.98
Basmati Rice	5,837.13
Non-Basmati Rice	4,570.05
Spices	4,245.99
Buffalo Meat	3,740.16
Sugar	2,822.25
Oil Meals	1,712.28
Misc. Processed Items	1,652.22
Coffee	1,285.54
Fresh Fruits	1,145.24
Others	14,379.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,757.48</b>
Source: DGCI&S	

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