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SHARE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS IN EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the share of agricultural and allied products in total exports has been falling steadily over the years;
- (b) if so, the reason for decline in India's agricultural exports to the developed countries; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The total export of agricultural and allied products (including tea, coffee, marine products, cotton incl. waste and castor oil) and its share in total exports from India during the last three years is as follows:

Year Value of Agro-Exports % share to the
(Rs. in crores) total exports

2000-01	27,288	13.55
2001-02	28,144	13.46
2002-03	31,030	12.28

Source: DGCI&S

As can be perused from the above figures, the agricultural exports have increased during the last three years. The decrease in percentage share of agro exports to total exports is due to the higher growth rate in exports of other products. However, in order to boost the agro export, a number of measures have been initiated by the Government including infrastructure development, promotion of modern packaging units, quality improvement and quality control, market development and creation of Agriculture Export Zones among others.