

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOOD

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

- (a) whether the export of processed items has not been as per the targets;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the target fixed and the percentage of export made during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any plan to boost the export of processed items;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to(c): Exports depend on a variety of factors. As such no targets are set. However Government has been taking measures to ensure an appreciable increase in exports. Export of processed food products including processed fruits and vegetables, meat and poultry products and other processed food products has gone up during the past few years, as may be observed from the figures for exports given below:

(Value in Rupees crores)

2002-03    2003-04    2004-05

4727    5467    5800

(Source : APEDA)

(d)&(e):Yes, Sir. As part of its ongoing efforts to boost export of processed food the Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA) is taking various initiatives which include:

- i. provision of common infrastructural facilities in various food processing clusters,
- ii. extension of financial assistance under its schemes for Market Development, Transport Assistance, Quality Development etc
- iii. development of packaging standards for export;
- iv. provision of assistance for egg washing & grading facilities and implement residue monitoring plan for egg products; and
- v. participation in fairs and exhibitions

(f) Does not arise