

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

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EXPORT OF FRUITS/ VEGETABLES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to give duty exemption for export of fruits, vegetables and flowers under Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the income generated through export from these products during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of fruits and vegetables exported from West Bengal during the last three years;
- (d) whether West Bengal occupies first place among the fruit and vegetable producing States;
- (e) whether export percentage is not satisfactory when compared with the estimated production; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to step up the export by formulating a special scheme therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): In the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09 Government has launched Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana with an objective to promote, among others, export of fruits, vegetables, flowers and their value added products. Exporters of such products are entitled for duty credit scrip at 5% of FOB value of exports for each licensing year commencing from 1st April 2004. As per Export Import Data Bank maintained by the Department of Commerce, the total value of exports of fresh fruits and vegetables for the period 2002-03, 2003-04 & 2004-05 was to the tune of Rs.1,090/- Crores, Rs.1,737/- Crores and Rs.1,625/- Crores respectively. Similarly, the export of floriculture products for these periods was to the tune of Rs.180 Crores, Rs.250 Crores and Rs.205 Crores respectively.

(c), (d) & (e): State wise figures of exports and production of fruits and vegetables are not maintained by Government of India.

(f) As stated in part (a) above, Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana has already been put in place for promotion of exports of these products.