

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the names of countries where banana has been exported during each of the last three years and thereafter alongwith foreign exchange earned as a result thereof, country-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has explored new countries for export of Indian banana; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The major destinations for Indian banana along with the value of exports during the last three years is given below:

(value in rupees in lakhs )

Country	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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Bahrain	61.38	80.19	82.97
Germany	17.97	0.02	10.83
Kuwait	66.02	61.12	84.47
Maldives	18.49	25.03	22.41
Nepal	164.14	176.83	204.55
Oman	61.91	57.00	47.28
Qatar	52.61	55.25	92.74
Saudi Arabia	159.98	138.63	148.24
UAE	463.43	405.04	507.06

Source: APEDA

(b)&(c)Export of perishable fruit like banana is critically dependent upon its shelf life, availability of economical transport, and other related factors. Keeping these constraints in view, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been making efforts to explore new markets. The Ministry of Agriculture had organized an International Banana Festival in August 2005 in New Delhi. A multi-national corporation from Philippines participated and explored the possibility of organized production for exports. Efforts are also being made to promote exports of various varieties of bananas in other Middle- East countries.