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AGRICULTURE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCT EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

- (a) progress of works done by Agriculture and Processed Food Product Export Development Authority during the last three years;
- (b) the manner in which it has helped in boosting trade; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government on its functioning?

Answer

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

(a) Agriculture and Processed Food Product Export Development Authority (APEDA) is engaged in promotion and development of export of agricultural and processed food products. The work of the organization during the last 3 years included:

setting up of centres for perishable cargo at all major international airports, flower auction centres, egg washing, grading and packing facilities, pack houses for mango, banana, potatoes and other fruits and vegetables in Maharashtra, Punjab and other states. Some of these projects are already functioning while others are under implementation;

recognition and upgradation of laboratories to provide exporters with testing facilities of international standards, implementation of residue monitoring plans for drug and pesticides for export of egg products, honey and fresh grapes, development of pre harvest and post harvest manuals for handling of fruits and vegetables having export potential etc;

implementation of Eurep gap standards in the farms producing grapes, mangoes and pomegranates for exports to the European market, jointly with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry and organization of training programs;

efforts to secure market access for Indian mangoes into Japan, China and Australia,(China opened its markets for Indian mangoes), for basmati rice in Mexico, meat in Saudi Arabia and other countries. (Saudi Arabia lifted the ban on import of mutton and buffalo meat from India) and

participation in international fairs and exhibitions to promote Indian fresh and processed foods and floriculture products.

(b) Efforts of APEDA have resulted in an over all growth in export of products under its purview as detailed below.

Quantity in metric tons; Value rupees in crores

Item	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Floriculture & Seeds	10657.65	266.83	35829.36	303.15	32569.68	273.93
Fruits and Vegetables	933654.83	1086.75	1291306.97	1457.26	1240700.23	1299.93
Processed Fruits & Vegetables	423924.61	1206.93	429797.92	1125.81	589976.71	1462.72
Animal Products	359726.28	1800.53	793467.42	2024.81	629550.2	2252.33
Other Processed Foods	988950.37	1720.11	1279619.06	2316.44	616755.91	2032.34
Cereals	8834781.95	7746.80	8109347.48	6956.69	7971077.63	8933.62
TOTAL	11551695.69	13827.95	11939368.21	14184.16	11080630.36	16254.87

Source: APEDA

(c) APEDA has been instrumental in giving impetus to the development of export related infrastructure, improvement in quality of agri produce, market access for Indian fruits and vegetables in various countries and contributing significantly to export of fresh and processed food products.