

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF GRAPES/ WINE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of grapes exported from the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the wine industry is unable to optimally utilise the capacity installed due to inadequate supply of grapes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken in this regard;
- (d) the details with regard to the quantity of grapes/wine exported during each of the last three years alongwith the foreign exchange earned, country-wise; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure that the exports earning made in this regard are optimised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) The quantity of grapes exported from the country during the last three years is given below:

(Quantity in metric tons)
Year 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 (April-Aug)
Quantity 25681 26784 35936 16690

(Source: APEDA)

- (b) Available information suggests that neither the capacity of the grape wine industry is underutilized nor has there been a shortage of grapes of wine processing varieties.

(c) Does not arise.

- (d) The details of the grape wine exported to major importing countries are given below:

(Quantity in kilograms: Value in rupees)
Country 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
United Kingdom 147424 9529599 157727 8104668 300 18728
Nepal - - - 5610 529000
Thailand - - - 25000 2249998
United Arab Emirates 78074 7035773 9561 1063293 40738 2196376
U.S.A. - - - 10000 677980
Bangladesh - - 8000 404382 4500 538455

(Source: APEDA)

- (e) The steps to enhance the exports and optimize the earnings include financial incentives to exporters through the schemes of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority for Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development, Research and Development.