

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MANGO AND BANANA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rank of India in the world in the field of production of Mango and Banana;
- (b) the total production and export of Mango and Banana recorded during the last year and current year till date;
- (c) whether export of said fruits is not to the extent of production;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to boost up the export of these items;
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to bring and plant world's top ten exportable Mango varieties; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): India ranks first both in production of mango and banana;
- (b): The production and export of mango and banana are as under:-

(`000 M.T.)  
Name of Fruit    Production    Export  
(2002-03)    (2003-04)

Mango	12733	60.551
Banana	13304	10.877

(c)&(d): The export of these fruits are not to the extent of production because there is huge domestic demand within the country for these items. Besides, the export of mango is limited to few cultivars, like Alphonso. The shelf life of other commercial cultivars are low and the blend and physical appearance of many commercial cultivars is not preferred in developed countries. The export of banana is mostly of Cavendish group.

(e)to(g): The Government has created Agri-Export Zones with necessary export infrastructure for various commodities including mango and banana at different locations throughout the country to facilitate exports. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and its allied research institutes are evolving suitable cultivars through hybridization having desirable attributes for exports and enhanced shelf life. The ICAR is also working to introduce world germplasm of mango and conserving and maintaining field gene banks for mangoes and other fruits and to introduce promising cultivars from around the world. Government has taken steps to boost export of banana through supply of high yielding disease free tissue culture plant at 50% subsidy, promotion of drip irrigation and fertigation. Government is also promoting exports through incentives and subsidies for plantation, post harvest management, creation of infrastructure, cold storage and giving transport assistance.