

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

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BAN ON IMPORT OF INDIAN FRUITS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of fruits exported during each of the last two years and the current year alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) whether some countries have banned the import of Indian fruits;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, fruit-wise and country-wise
- (d) the names of the countries that have lifted restriction on import of fruits during the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for promotion of Indian fruits in the international market?

**Answer**

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

(a) Fruits valued at Rs. 388 Crores, Rs.362 Crores and Rs.651 Crores (provisional figures) were exported during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. Details of the fruits exported to major importing countries during 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given below :

(value :Rupees in crores)

Country	2003-04	2004-05	Country	2003-04	2004-05
Bangladesh	107.53	101.17	Nepal	18.30	28.13
Bahrain	5.26	4.49	Saudi Arabia	18.61	16.58
United Kingdom	47.95	43.61	United Arab Emirates	100.22	81.78
Kuwait	3.02	2.94	Germany	11.84	6.55
Netherlands	27.81	45.70			

(source: APEDA)

Country-wise details of exports of fruit in 2005-06 and the current year are not available.

(b)&(c)Yes,Sir. United States of America, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand have imposed restrictions on the import of Indian fruits on account of incidence of fruit flies, mango stone, thrips, pulp weevil and other pests in Indian fruit and owing to other quarantine requirements.

(d) Japan lifted the ban on import of Indian mangoes on 23rd June, 2006.

(e) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is extending financial assistance under its schemes for Market Development, Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Research & Development to exporters to facilitate export of agricultural produce. Other steps in this direction include setting up of Agri Export Zones, provision of facilities for handling perishable cargo at major international airports, participation in fairs,organization of promotion campaigns and buyer-seller meets.