

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2790
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2006
EXPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS
Mahto Shri Tek Lal

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

- (a) the names of the agro products exported from the country particularly Jharkhand, State-wise ;
- (b) the details of exports made during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the reason for less export from Jharkhand in comparison to other States; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to promote the agro-products?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The main agricultural products exported from India are food grains (includes basmati & non-basmati rice, wheat and other cereals), nuts and seeds, meat, poultry & dairy products, fruits and vegetables, processed foods, oil meals, tobacco and its products, spices, sugar, tea, coffee, etc. The details of total agro products made during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Value (US\$ Million)
2003-2004	6204
2004-2005	7033
2005-2006	- 8762

The total agro products exported during 2005-06 in respect of Jharkhand is Rs. 313250974/-. The state-wise total exports in respect of all commodities is Annexed.

(d) Encouraging export is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage export of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards etc. In order to boost Indian agricultural products, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) etc. with modified guidelines under which the various Boards/ Councils undertake programmes like organization of Buyer-Seller Meet, participation in Trade Fairs, Visit of Organisation of delegations of traders and exporters to various countries. Under these schemes mentioned, the exporters are also provided grants in aid for modernization, technology upgradation, packaging and quality improvement etc. with a view to enhance the exports of the country. Government has announced a Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yo

jana with an objective to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, dairy, poultry, minor forest produce and their value added products by incentivising exports of such products.