

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

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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether export of agricultural products of the country is decreasing;
- (b) if so, the details of export of agricultural products during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has made any study to find out the reasons for such decrease in agricultural products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase export of agricultural products?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Export of agricultural products of the country has been showing an increasing trend over the last three years. Some of the major agricultural products being exported during the last three years are rice, wheat, cereals, poultry & dairy products, floriculture products, tobacco, spices, cashew, sugar, meat products, fruits, vegetables and processed foods.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) 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. The Government has also declared 60 Agri Export Zones for improving the production for exports of various agricultural commodities in the country.