

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2980
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2023

EXPORT FROM MAHARASHTRA

2980. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise initiatives taken by the Government to increase exports and trade in the country so far including Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized so far for the said purpose across the country during the last five years especially in Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the target set by the Government in this regard and the achievements made during the last five years and till date;
- (d) whether Maharashtra has witnessed significant growth following the said initiatives, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has signed an MoU as a next step towards furthering the said initiatives in the country especially in Maharashtra, if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) The major initiatives taken by the government for export growth in the country, including the State of Maharashtra are as below:

(i) The Department of Commerce, Government of India is implementing a scheme namely 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)', a Central Sector Scheme, w.e.f. FY 2017-18 with the objective of assisting Central and State Government agencies in the creation of appropriate infrastructure for growth of exports. Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is provided to Central/State Government owned agencies for setting up or up-grading export infrastructure.

(ii) Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has Central Sector specific scheme for Financial Assistance to facilitate the export of agri-products

by providing assistance to exporters on Pan India basis for augmenting export related infrastructure, participating in Buyer Seller Meets, etc.

(iii) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) operates assistance schemes to promote the sea food exports by upgrading the infrastructure facility for value addition, establishment of mini laboratory & assisting in aquaculture production on pan India basis, including Maharashtra.

(iv) Plantation Boards (Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board and Spices Board) are undertaking various activities for export promotions which include, inter alia, providing support for export of value added products, participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, brand promotion, buyer-seller meets and market linkages across the country, including Maharashtra.

(b) to (d) TIES Scheme has been implemented on all India basis, including Maharashtra. Under the TIES an amount of Rs.8.1 crore has been sanctioned for the one approved project and so far an amount of Rs.3.04 crore has been released.

As the Schemes implemented by APEDA, MPEDA and Plantation Boards are Pan India no State specific targets have been set. However, some of the activities / achievements specific to Maharashtra are at **Annexure**.

The aforesaid initiatives have contributed in increasing the exports from Maharashtra. The overall exports from Maharashtra during the last five years and current financial year upto September, 2023 are as below:

Financial year	Export value (in million USD)
2018-19	72809.28
2019-20	64906.08
2020-21	58383.19
2021-22	73119.50
2022-23	72437.52
2023-24 (April to Sept)	33056.88

Source : DGCIS

(e) APEDA, a statutory body under Department of Commerce, has signed MOU with Agrovision Foundation, Nagpur to make awareness and sensitization programmes for export promotion from the state. APEDA has also signed MOU with ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute (ICAR-CCRI), Nagpur to increase Agri export from the state.

Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2980 for answer on 20-12-2023

S. No.	Name of Organization	Achievements
1.	APEDA	<p>Export promotion of new products & export promotion in new destinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New products and new export destinations have been identified and accordingly the trial shipments have been facilitated. • Season's first shipment of Indian Mangoes to the JAPAN has been flagged off on 6th April, 2023 from MSAMB- VHT facility, Vashi (Navi Mumbai). • Seasons 1st shipment of Indian Mangoes to the USA has been flagged off on 11.04.2023 at MSAMB Irradiation Facility, Vashi Maharashtra. • On 22nd April 2023, 1st sample commercial consignment (39 boxes of 117 kgs) of Kesar Mango for the season 2023 was processed at VHT Facility Mumbai by exporter for export to South Korea. • On 27th July 2023, a "Flag Off Programme-Trial shipment of Pomegranate to USA, was organized after lifting of the temporary ban on pomegranate exports to the USA. • A one container of trial shipment of bananas to the Netherlands APEDA facilitated Season's first consignment of fresh Mangoes export from Mumbai to Japan on 26th March, 2022. • Trial shipment of Mangoes to USA by Sea:-APEDA along with BARC & MSAMB facilitated the trial shipment of 15.5 Mt of Kesar Mangoes by Sea to USA on 04th June 2022. <p>Opening up of Market Access & Export Promotion In International Markets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized and facilitated the visit of Indonesian delegation in Maharashtra from 15th December to 20th December, 2022 to conduct field assessment & review of onion farms and packing houses production system for implementation of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices(GHP) for exports of Onion to Indonesia. • On 1st May, 2023 Consulate General of USA in Mumbai and USDA-APHIS Pre-clearance and Offshore Programs team visited at Irradiation facility at IFC MSAMB Vashi Navi Mumbai to verify and ensure effectiveness of OWP operating program for export of mangoes. APEDA facilitated the visit. • APEDA organized its participation in the three days programme from 28-30 March 2023 for G20 1st Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) meet at Mumbai. During the meeting, Head of delegations from Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Mauritius, Canada

		<p>etc visited APEDA stall and had a fruitful interaction with APEDA officials to connect potential importers for supply of Indian agri commodities including Shree Anna i.e. Millets.</p> <p>Buyer Seller Meets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APEDA Mumbai organized APEDA's participation in ANUFOOD INDIA from 7th-9th Sep.,2023, 1st Cashew Fest 2023 from 15th-16th April, 2023 at Goa, Anutech Food 2023, "AGROVISION-2023", World Trade Expo-2023 etc. domestic events wherein APEDA products including Ready to Eat Millet based products, cake, biscuits, Flavoured Jaggery products, Fruit juices etc were exhibited. Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme: Agriculture and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA for the 15TH Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) facilitates the export of agri products by providing exporters of the country including the state of Maharashtra financial assistance for Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development. <p>Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA for the 15TH Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) facilitates the export of agri products by providing exporters of the country including the state of Maharashtra, financial assistance for Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development.
2.	MPEDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to give a competitive edge to shrimp exporters, the import duty on fish meal and other feed ingredients has been reduced from 15% to 5%. This initiative was taken to reduce the production cost of shrimp to have a competitive edge of our products in the international markets. For promotion of seafood exports from Maharashtra, MPEDA has established a Regional office in Panvel and supports both the export oriented production and promotes exports. There is no separate allocation of funds for the State of Maharashtra. However, MPEDA has released an amount of Rs.10.39 crore to Maharashtra for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23 for various activities.
3.	Plantation Boards	<p>In Maharashtra, there is a Quality Evaluation Laboratory (QEL) at Mumbai which helps in facilitating exports of spices. Spice Board also organizes promotional events including BSMs in Maharashtra. World Spice Congress, which is a major event for the spices sector, was organised in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra in September 2023.</p>
