

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 859**  
ANSWERED ON 06/02/2026

**PROCESSED FOOD EXPORTS AND QUALITY COMPLIANCE**

859. MS. SWATI MALIWAL

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

- (a) the value and volume of India's processed food exports during the last five years, category-wise and destination-wise;
- (b) the number of consignments rejected abroad each year, country-wise, category-wise and reason-wise and the estimated annual export loss due to such rejections;
- (c) the number of NABL/APEDA-approved food testing laboratories, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to assist MSMEs and women-led enterprises to enhance their participation in processed food exports?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) The value and volume of processed food products exports from India during the past five years, category-wise and destination-wise are enclosed at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II**, respectively.
- (b) Rejections of agricultural products by importing countries are notified as non-compliances. The reasons for the non-compliances differ from product to product and are majority because of difference in standard limit of contamination. The available details of non-compliances, as notified by the importing countries during the period between 2021 to 2025 for key commodities are placed at **Annexure-III**.
- (c) The State/UT-wise number of laboratories recognized by NABL/APEDA is attached as **Annexure-IV**.
- (d) To promote exports of processed food products, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial assistance to its registered exporters, including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and women-led enterprises, under its Financial Assistance Scheme covering export infrastructure, quality development, and market development, with assistance up to 40% of eligible costs and enhanced support up to 75% for women entrepreneurs. APEDA has also organized over 1,400 capacity-building and sensitization programmes covering more than 1.5 lakh participants to enhance export readiness.

Further, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) through implementation of various initiatives and schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Production

Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) aims for the overall development of food processing sector. PMFME specially focuses on MSMEs and women-led enterprises. The scheme provides financial, technical and business support for setting up/upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Annexure(s) referred to in reply to Part (a), (b) & (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 859 for answer on 06.02.2026**

**Annexure I**

**India's Export of Processed Food to World in last five years:**

Commodity	Value in USD million	
	Value	Volume
PREPARATIONS OF MEAT, OF FISH OR OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OR OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	3719.30	0.45
SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY.	20355.20	44.68
COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS.	937.25	0.18
PREPARATIONS OF CEREALS, FLOUR, STARCH OR MILK; PASTRYCOOKS PRODUCTS.	3718.81	2.26
PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS.	4767.61	3.36
MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PREPARATIONS.	6486.07	1.71
BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR. **	1954.51	1.44
RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL FODER.	11104.70	24.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>53043.5</b>	<b>78.44</b>

Source: DGCIS

**Annexure II**

**Top 3 Destinations of Processed Food Export from India to World:**

PREPARATIONS OF MEAT, OF FISH OR OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OR OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

Country / Region	Last five years
U S A	3032.74
CANADA	240.27
BELGIUM	58.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>3531.04</b>

SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY.

Country / Region	Last five years
SUDAN	2519.82
LIBYA	581.34
SOMALIA	1357.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>10644.60</b>

COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS,

Country / Region	Last five years
U S A	233.39
NETHERLAND	54
U ARAB EMTS	57.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>674.31</b>

PREPARATIONS OF CEREALS, FLOUR, STARCH OR MILK; PASTRYCOOKS PRODUCTS

Value in USD Mn

Country / Region	Last five years
U S A	650.34
U ARAB EMTS	265.65
U K	209.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2188.68</b>

PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS.

Value in USD

Mn

Country / Region	Last five years
U S A	828.84
NETHERLAND	360.77
SAUDI ARAB	262.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>2923.36</b>

Source: DGCI&S

MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PREPARATIONS.

Value in USD Mn

Country / Region	Last five years
U S A	1244.66
U ARAB EMTS	601.58
RUSSIA	380.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>3779.26</b>

BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR

Value in USD Mn

Country / Region	Last five years
U ARAB EMTS	580.7
SINGAPORE	141.47
NETHERLAND	66.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1239.86</b>

RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL FODDER.

Value in USD Mn

Country / Region	Last five years
BANGLADESH PR	2113.19
VIETNAM SOC REP	1152.08
KOREA RP	911.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>7500.41</b>

Source: DGCI&S

## Details of non-compliances

Commodity	Number of non-compliances				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>European Union</b>					
Rice	10	39	25	38	44
Peanut and Peanut Products	11	37	17	7	15
Fruits and Vegetables	24	20	26	24	21
Processed Food Products	38	33	23	32	29
Other (Ghee)	-	-	-	-	1
Spices	25	56	56	35	73
Tea	1	3	1	5	1
<b>Indonesia</b>					
Peanut and Peanut Products	-	1	2	4	12
Wheat	-	2	-	-	-
<b>Thailand</b>					
Peanut	-	-	7	3	8
<b>Vietnam</b>					
Peanut	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Azerbaijan</b>					
Peanut	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Philippines</b>					
Peanut	-	-	2	-	-
Spices	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Singapore</b>					
Peanut	-	-	8	-	-
Spices	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Australia</b>					
Peanut and Peanut Products	-	-	-	2	3
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	-	-	-	1	2
Other Processed foods	-	-	-	19	5
Spices	-	-	14	15	17
<b>Taiwan</b>					
Tea	1	-	-	-	-
<b>USA</b>					
Tea	-	-	-	1	-
Spices	93	102	60	74	169
<b>Japan</b>					
Spices	-	-	2	2	-
<b>Hong Kong</b>					
Spices	-	-	-	2	4
<b>Other countries</b>					
Spices	6	1	2	4	-

\*Source: As compiled by APEDA, Tea Board and Spices Board, based on the information available on Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASSF) portal of European Commission and the non-compliances received from the Competent Authorities of importing countries.

**Annexure-IV****The State/UT-wise number of laboratories recognized by NABL/APEDA**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of testing laboratory</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Chhattisgarh	1
3.	Delhi	6
4.	Gujarat	13
5.	Haryana	11
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1
7.	Jharkhand	1
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	1
9.	Karnataka	9
10.	Kerala	7
11.	Maharashtra	31
12.	Madhya Pradesh	6
13.	Odissa	1
14.	Punjab	1
15.	Rajasthan	2
16.	Telangana	7
17.	Tamil Nadu	15
18.	Uttar Pradesh	3
19.	Uttarakhand	2
20.	West Bengal	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>125</b>