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AGRO-FOOD EXPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the recent data showing that Maharashtra has achieved a 15% increase in agro-food exports in FY 2024-25, reaching roughly 47,017 crore, thereby strengthening its export profile, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the portion of this growth is attributed to export promotion schemes managed by the Ministry (such as APEDA) and coordination with State agencies;
- (c) whether specific support is planned for constituencies like Nandurbar (which have agro/horticulture strength) to link local production to export value-chains, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the framework the Ministry will adopt to enhance perishable-goods green-lane clearances (e.g., via JNPT) to reduce spoilage and improve competitiveness;
- (e) whether the Ministry intends to support agro-export clusters in remote or tribal districts of Maharashtra with infrastructure, certification and market link-ups and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the timeline by which the Ministry will publish a district-wise roadmap of agro-exports growth in Maharashtra and the expected quantum for 2025-26?

ANSWER

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(a) to (f) India's exports of all Agricultural and food products have grown by 8.81% in 2024-25, valued at Rs. 4,39,575.30 Crores, while exports of Agricultural and food products under Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)'s Schedule have grown by 13.91%, valued at Rs. 2,42,222.66 Crores, in the same period.

The government maintains record of total exports of Agricultural and food products from India. The data for State wise exports of Agricultural and food products including from the State of Maharashtra is not maintained in absence of validation, as these are based on the state-of-origin code reported by the exporters in the shipping bills.

For export promotion of its' Scheduled products, APEDA provides financial assistance to the exporters under its Agriculture and Processed Foods Export Promotion Scheme (FAS

Scheme), for the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) in three components: (i) Development of Export Infrastructure, (ii) Quality Development, (iii) Market Development. The scheme is implemented in close coordination with the State Governments and their related agencies, to ensure convergence in effort and support to the stakeholders, for enhanced outcomes. Scheme guidelines are available at <https://apeda.gov.in/FinancialAssistanceSchemes>.

APEDA's Financial Assistance scheme is a demand driven scheme, wherein assistance is provided to the beneficiaries whose submitted applications were found eligible for financial assistance. However, for scheme dissemination and training and capacity building of stakeholders in the export value chain of Agri and Food products, a total of 3 programs have been conducted by APEDA, in Nandurbar district, in the current financial year, till date, covering 289 stakeholders, including FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations), FPCs (Farmer Producer Companies), startups, women entrepreneurs, farmers etc. An enhanced level of assistance of upto 75% of the eligible project cost, is provided to ST beneficiaries, including those in Maharashtra, under the scheme.

For faster clearance of perishable goods at JNPA (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority), the Port has upgraded its road infrastructure, including an eight-lane main road connecting all terminals and dedicated four to six-lane access roads. These, along with a Centralised Parking Plaza for 2,000 trailers and a 24×7 traffic-management team, effectively serve as "Green Lanes". Further, two major terminals, the BMCTPL (Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals Private Limited) and APM Terminals already operate with these Green Lane facilities, handling about 70% of JNPA's total volume.

The Districts as Export Hubs (DEH) is an initiative of the Government of India, aimed at fostering district-level export growth through the identification of products and services with demonstrable export potential. The initiative seeks to strengthen local value chains by formulating District Export Action Plans (DEAPs) in coordination with State Governments, with a view to addressing critical gaps in infrastructure, logistics, standardization, branding, market access and capacity-building. The DEH framework also places emphasis on enabling artisans, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and first-time exporters to integrate more effectively into domestic and global markets.
