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PROCESSED FOOD EXPORTS AND QUALITY COMPLIANCE

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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 I

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

Commodity	Value in USD million Volume in Million tons and **Million litres	
	Last five years Value	Last five years 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
Total	53043.5	78.44

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	Value in USD Mn	
	Last five years	
U S A		3032.74
CANADA		240.27
BELGIUM		58.34
Total		3531.04

SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY.

Country / Region	Value in USD Mn	
	Last five years	
SUDAN		2519.82
LIBYA		581.34
SOMALIA		1357.76
Total		10644.60

COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS,

Country / Region	Value in USD Mn	
	Last five years	
U S A		233.39
NETHERLAND		54
U ARAB EMTS		57.09
Total		674.31

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
Total	2188.68

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
Total	2923.36

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
Total	3779.26

BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR

Value in USD Mn

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

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
Total	7500.41

Source: DGCI&S

Details of non-compliances

Commodity	Number of non-compliances				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
European Union					
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
Indonesia					
Peanut and Peanut Products	-	1	2	4	12
Wheat	-	2	-	-	-
Thailand					
Peanut	-	-	7	3	8
Vietnam					
Peanut	-	1	-	-	-
Azerbaijan					
Peanut	-	-	1	-	-
Philippines					
Peanut	-	-	2	-	-
Spices	0	0	0	0	2
Singapore					
Peanut	-	-	8	-	-
Spices	-	-	-	-	2
Australia					
Peanut and Peanut Products	-	-	-	2	3
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	-	-	-	1	2
Other Processed foods	-	-	-	19	5
Spices	-	-	14	15	17
Taiwan					
Tea	1	-	-	-	-
USA					
Tea	-	-	-	1	-
Spices	93	102	60	74	169
Japan					
Spices	-	-	2	2	-
Hong Kong					
Spices	-	-	-	2	4
Other countries					
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 (RASFF) portal of European Commission and the non-compliances received from the Competent Authorities of importing countries.

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

S. No	State/UT	Number of testing laboratory
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
Total		125