

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2908
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2023
EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

2908. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL “NISHANK”:

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

- (a) the status of our country in the field of export of Organic products during the last five years;
- (b) the details and the quantity of honey and fruits exported from the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of honey and fruits from the country?

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) India’s export of organic products are governed under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), notified in 2001 under the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992. A product is allowed to be exported as “Organic Product” only when accompanied by a Transaction Certificate issued by a Certification Body accredited by National Accreditation Body (NAB) for Organic Products under the NPOP. Details of India’s organic exports during the last five years are as under:

Year	Value (In Rs. Crore)
2018-19	5150.76
2019-20	4685.91
2020-21	7078.50
2021-22	5249.32
2022-23	5525.18

Source: Data submitted by accredited Certification Bodies under NPOP on Tracenet

(b) The details of organic honey and organic fruits exported from the country, during 2022-23 are as under:

Year	Organic Fruits		Organic Honey	
	Quantity (In MT)	Value (In Rs. Crore)	Quantity (In MT)	Value (In Rs. Crore)
2022-23	91.16	2.55	1307.58	32.78

Source: Data submitted by accredited Certification Bodies under NPOP on Tracenet

(c) The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a statutory body under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, has the mandate to promote export of organic products, including fruits and honey. APEDA has organized participation of exporters of organic products in trade fairs for organic products such as Biofach India and Biofach Nuremburg, Germany. Virtual Buyer-Seller Meets (BSM) on organic products have been organized with Malaysia, Japan, Australia and Canada, in collaboration with the respective Indian Missions. APEDA has also been organising outreach and sensitization programmes for organic stakeholders. For expansion of organic export to new markets, India is engaged in Mutual Recognition Agreement negotiation with potential importing countries.
