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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1486
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th JULY, 2022

CLUSTER APPROACH OF EXPORT POLICY

1486. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the export policy promotes cluster approach where identified districts would be developed as cluster to promote exports through setting up of entire value chain for particular area-specific farm products, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has minimized export curbs on agricultural products to keep domestic prices under check, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to remove or has removed all kind of restrictions on export of organic products including organic farm products, if so, the details thereof along with how it would boost agricultural export and help farmers in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The Agriculture Export Policy (AEP), introduced by the Government in 2018, lays emphasis on cluster-based approach for promoting exports of specific farm products from the identified districts. The District as Export Hub (DEH) initiative of the Department of Commerce is being utilized to implement the cluster-based approach envisaged in the AEP. The DEH initiative aims at channelizing the potential and diverse identity in each District of the country to make them export hubs. Under the initiative, Districts Export Action Plans are being prepared for identified products, including farm products, for overseas markets, which include specific actions required to support local exporters / manufacturers in producing/manufacturing identified products in adequate quantity and with the requisite quality, for reaching potential buyers outside India. These plans also include identifying and addressing challenges for exports of such identified products, improving supply chains, market accessibility and handholding for increasing exports.

(b): The Government is in favour of a stable export policy for agriculture products. Temporary export curbs are imposed only on the commodities considered essential for food security, to ensure domestic availability at reasonable prices under extreme price situations.

(c): The Government, vide notification dated 19th April 2017, has exempted export of organic agricultural and organic processed products from any restriction/ prohibition on export of basic products (non-organic). The measure has been introduced to ensure unhindered export market linkage and remunerative realizations for the organic farmers.
