

Export of Agricultural Products

43. Export of agricultural products has exhibited an increasing trend. India's share in the world trade in the agricultural commodities is just about one per cent. There is lot of competition due to the demand for high quality products and also the stringent legislation relating to health and safety standards of the importing country. India's agricultural exports include pulses, rice, wheat, cereals, tobacco, sugar and molasses, poultry and dairy products, horticulture products, spices, cashews, sesame and niger seed, ground nut, oil meals, castor oil, shellac, fruits and vegetables, cotton, processed vegetables, juices and meat and marine products. Non-basmati rice exports may have declined to 1.3 million tonnes in 1997-98 (April 1997–January 1998) from 1.9 million tonnes exported in 1996-97. The share of agricultural export in India's export is 15-18 per cent (Table 8.24).

Year	Country's total Exports	Agricultural Exports	Per cent Share
1992-93	53688	7884	14.7
1993-94	69751	10811	15.5
1994-95	82674	11051	13.4
1995-96	106353	17496	16.5
1996-97*	118817	21021	17.7
* Provisional			