

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POLICY

Prelims: Economics- Agriculture, Governance- Policy

Mains: GS-III- Storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints.

Why in News?

- ✚ The Union Cabinet approved the Agriculture Export Policy, 2018. The Cabinet has also approved the proposal for establishment of Monitoring Framework at Centre with Commerce as the nodal Department with representation from various line Ministries/Departments and Agencies and representatives of concerned State Governments, to oversee the implementation of Agriculture Export Policy.

Highlights:

- ✚ The Government has come out with a **Policy to Double Farmers' Income by 2022**. Exports of agricultural products would play a pivotal role in achieving this goal. In order to provide an impetus to agricultural exports, the Government has come out with a comprehensive "Agriculture Export Policy" aimed at doubling the agricultural exports and integrating Indian farmers and agricultural products with the global value chains.
- ✚ The Agriculture Export Policy has the following vision: "Harness export potential of Indian agriculture, through suitable policy instruments, to make India global power in agriculture and raise farmers' income."

Objective of the Agriculture Export Policy:

- ✚ To double agricultural exports from present ~US\$ 30+ Billion to ~US\$ 60+ Billion by 2022 and reach US\$ 100 Billion in the next few years thereafter, with a stable trade policy regime.
- ✚ To diversify our export basket, destinations and boost high value- and value-added agricultural exports including focus on perishables.
- ✚ To promote novel, indigenous, organic, ethnic, traditional and non-traditional Agri products exports.
- ✚ To provide an institutional mechanism for pursuing market access, tackling barriers and deal with sanitary and Phyto-sanitary issues.

- ✚ To strive to double India's share in world agri exports by integrating with global value chain at the earliest.
- ✚ Enable farmers to get benefit of export opportunities in overseas market.

Elements of Agricultural Export Policy:

Strategic Policy Measure:

1. Infrastructure and logistics support
2. Holistic approach to boost exports
3. Greater involvement of State Governments in agri exports

Operational Policy Measure:

1. Focus on Clusters
2. Promoting value-added exports
3. Marketing and promotion of "Brand India
4. Attract private investments into production and processing
5. Establishment of strong quality regimen
6. Research & Development
7. Miscellaneous

