

# First trial shipment of bananas exported to Netherlands: Commerce Ministry

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THE Commerce Ministry on Friday said the first trial shipment of bananas has been exported to the Netherlands.

For the trial shipment of bananas, Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APE-DA) has enlisted the support of ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH), Lucknow, for technical assistance while InI Farms has partnered with Del Monte for marketing and distribution in Europe, and Maersk for logistics, it said.

It added that banana exports to the Netherlands would lead to higher prices and increased income for farmers.

Despite being the world's largest banana producer, India's



export share is currently just 1 per cent in the global market, though the country accounts for 26.45 per cent of the world's banana production at 35.36 million metric ton.

In 2022-23, India exported bananas worth USD 176 million. "With the first trial shipment to the European market, it is estimated that India may be able to export bananas worth more than USD 1 billion in the next five years," it said. The major export destinations for Indian bananas include Iran, Iraq, the UAE,

Oman, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Afghanistan, and the Maldives.

It added that huge export opportunities are there in countries like the US, Russia, Japan, Germany, China, the Netherlands, the UK, and France.

It is estimated that exports will exceed USD 303 million in this fiscal. Andhra Pradesh is the largest banana-producing state, followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. These five states collectively contribute around 67 per cent to India's banana production in 2022-23.

Other states that produce bananas include Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Mizoram, and Tripura.

# Inbuilt collision warning signal in 4-wheelers soon

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**THE** Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has proposed the installation of an inbuilt 'moving off information system' (MOIS) in certain category of four-wheelers passenger and commercial vehicles to reduce the possibility of collision with pedestrians and cyclists in close proximity.

MoRTH in a draft titled



'Approval of motor vehicles with regard to the Moving Off Information System for the Detection of Pedestrians

and Cyclists' has specified the automotive industry standard for MOIS and will be notified after public consultation.

Moving Off Information System (MOIS) means a system to detect and inform the driver of the presence of pedestrians and cyclists in the close proximity and if deemed necessary, based on manufacturer strategy, warn the driver of a potential collision.

# REPORTS ON 3 NEW BILLS

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VICE-PRESIDENT and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday directed the circulation and publication of 246th Report on 'The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023', 247th Report on 'The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023', and 248th Report on 'The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023'.

The reports were submitted by Brij Lal, Rajya Sabha MP and Chairman of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, on Friday.

"Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar