

Tea, coffee, tobacco, spices register 16% export growth in FY25

Shipments top \$50 billion with tobacco value near \$2 billion

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Export of key plantation crops such as spices, coffee, tobacco and tea, which had a combined share of nearly 16 per cent in India's \$50-billion agri export (in 2023-24), surged to a record \$9.16 billion in 2024-25 against \$7.82 billion in the previous year — up by 17.1 per cent.

Latest data from the Commerce Ministry show a moderate 4.7 per cent growth in spices exports at \$4.45 billion in FY25 from 4.25 billion a year ago. Tea shipments were 10.8 per cent up at \$0.92 billion from \$0.83 billion. But, tobacco exports registered an impressive 36.6 per cent growth at \$1.98 billion from \$1.45 billion and coffee, too surged 40.3 per cent to \$1.81 billion from \$1.29 billion.



Commenting on the tobacco export, an industry expert said after hovering between \$0.88 billion and \$0.98 billion since 2014-15, its shipments for the first time crossed \$1 billion in 2022-23 and now reached near \$2 billion-mark.

Tobacco show

“Agri export dipped in 2023-24 from \$54.78 billion in 2022-23, and in FY25 it recovered from the setback as quick estimates show. But, the government has to analyse items like raw tobacco, which has a huge potential in export market so that the overall farm export is given momentum as per target,” said an expert.

Raw tobacco export in 2023-24 increased to \$1.05 billion from \$822.2 million in 2022-23, whereas manufactured tobacco (cigarettes) had negligible growth growth to \$397 million from \$391 million. The government is yet to release separate data of raw and manufactured tobacco for last fiscal. Belgium, UAE, Indonesia, Russia and Egypt were India's top five destinations of raw tobacco in 2023-24.

According to the quick estimates released by the commerce ministry, export of 13 major agri products categories have registered over 9 per cent growth at \$ 44.4 billion in FY25 from \$40.65 billion in FY24. The quick estimates do not include several items.

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