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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The agricultural sector contributes about 46% of employment and about 20% of GDP in the Indian economy. The manuscript explores the sub-themes of enhancing agricultural trade relationships between India and its regional trading partners. This will boost agricultural trade, employment, GDP growth, forex income, and food security in India and the Indo-Asian region which is faced by threats of hunger. . Findings can also be used in agricultural trade policy in other developing economies. To enhance its importance, the manuscript should address specifically the dynamic of Indo-ASEAN agricultural trade relations and how to boost such trade through appropriate trade policies.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Title requires adjustment to sharpen focus on Indo-Asian agricultural trade relations, rather than an analysis of broad trade relationships within the region. A more appropriate title could be: "Indo- ASEAN Agricultural Trade Relations: Evidence from India (2013 – 2022)"	
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Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The failure of the manuscript to separate the introduction from literature review and theoretical and conceptual framework has partly weaken its robustness. Sub-sections and structure of manuscript require revision to include a clear conceptual definition of the topic, a clearer review of literature and theoretical and conceptual framework.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	A methodology that relies on percentage method, Coefficient of Variation, Compound Growth Rate (CGR), and Trade Intensity Index does not bring out the specific drivers and the relationships between them. It similarly fails to reveal the impact of each variable that drives the trade relationships. The data used in the analysis is mainly on broad emphasis on Indo- ASEAN merchandise trade(import-export) rather than a consistent focus on agricultural trade data. This has weakened the scientific correctness of the findings. An appropriate theoretical framework and methodology supported by standard regression analysis will better reveal the drivers of agricultural trade relationships that will improve the scientific approach of the manuscript.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references, while sufficiently recent, do not include those on studies specific to India's trade relationships in the region, such as the one by Jagdambe, S. (2016). The references should include more studies on India's agricultural trade relationship within the ASEAN region. Such studies that utilise a clear theoretical framework in their analysis should be preferred over those that focus on India's broad import-export trade in the region.	
Minor REVISION comments	The quality of the English language is suitable for scholarly communication.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?		
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