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Title: Need to review the ban imposed on onion export -laid.

DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL (AHMEDNAGAR): In order to control the rising prices of Onion, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry amended export policy of onion from free to prohibited in September 2019, which led to banning of export of onions with immediate effect. I represent Ahmednagar Parliamentary Constituency which has a sizeable population of onion farmers & the ban on export has severely affected the farmers as they are not able to get the desired prices for their produce. Onion prices have reduced to Rs 40 per kg from Rs 150 - 160 in December, 2019. Onion prices had shot up sharply due to an estimated 25% fall in kharif production of 2019-20 crop year (July-June) compared to the previous year because of late monsoon. I request the Government to amend export policy and allow export of onions to provide relief to the farmers and help them in getting remunerative prices for their produce.