

## **Need to withdraw the ban on export of non-Basmati white rice-laid**

**SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (BARDHAMAN-DURGAPUR):** I would like to raise the issue of new export policy which affects the rice export. West Bengal produces most of the paddy, the total yield is 2.5 Crore Metric Tonnes. 15 Lack MT/year are procured by Government for milling and the rest of the rice is purchased by the State-owned rice mills. Around 1.10 lakh MT of rice is exported through sea port of Haldia and Kolkata and a sizeable amount of rice is exported through Krishnapatnam and Vizag. The monthly export is about 2 lakh MT and most of them is from my constituency Purba Bardhaman.

Vide Notification no. 20.2023 from Commerce Ministry dated 20.07.2023, non-Basmati white Rice are banned for export. Apart from this 20% export duty has been imposed on Gobindabhog Rice which grows only in the bank of Damodar River. This above notification on ban of export will give financial hardship to the mill owners and paddy growers. My humble request to the Government that they should withdraw the ban on exports/hike on export duty in larger interest of farmers of West Bengal.