

[English]

Export of Wheat

3396. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI SANAT MEHTA:
SHRI GIRDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have suspended issuing quotas of wheat to exporters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) its impact on earnings from exports;

(d) the total quantity of wheat exported during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(e) the total foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period; and

(f) the quantity of wheat likely to be exported during 1996-97 alongwith the estimated foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). The procurement of wheat by the Government in the Central Pool during the Rabi Marketing Season 1996-97 has been less by about 4 million tonnes compared to the previous year. The Government have directed Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to with-hold issue of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate. EXIM Policy on foodgrains including wheat, is decided in such a way that it does not adversely affect the food security of the country.

(d) and (e). The country-wise exports of wheat indicating value thereof during the last three years are indicated in the *Statement* enclosed.

(f) It is not possible to accurately estimate the likely quantity of wheat exports on account of different varieties traded, variations in quality etc. The foreign exchange likely to be earned on export of wheat from the country depends, *inter alia*, on the world market prices, which cannot be precisely predicted at present. Ministry of Commerce has reported that in the first three months of 1996-97 i.e. April-June 96 a quantity of 7.47 lakh MT valued at Rs. 460.71 crores was exported.

STATEMENT

Statement showing country-wise exports of wheat and its value during the last three years

(Qty. in M.T.)

(Value in Rs. lakhs)

Country	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	40	5.39
Algeria	-	-	21000	1063.81	-	-
Bangladesh	-	-	22960	1108.95	131565	7476.44
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	11836	748.73
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	42	2.44
Iran	-	-	-	-	250	18.72
Jordan	-	-	-	-	21249	1358.52
Kenya	-	-	-	-	66312	3790.82

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	302	22.63
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	553	30.87
Maldivs	-	-	54	4.07	-	-
Marutius	-	-	-	-	5	0.47
Myanmar	-	-	7000	365.55	530	40.14
Morocco	-	-	-	-	40000	2392.09
Nymibia	-	-	-	-	112	6.72
Nepal	310	15.90	-	-	69	3.01
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	42216	2590.33
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	31	2.40
Qatar	-	-	-	-	42	3.22
Russia	-	-	-	-	3000	177.23
Singapore	-	-	41	2.11	5660	328.65
Somalia	-	-	-	-	125	9.61
S. Africa	-	-	-	-	23750	1424.02
Sudan	-	-	-	-	18100	1034.59
Tanzania Rep.	-	-	-	-	7816	470.72
Turkey	-	-	-	-	50067	3084.51
U.A.E.	40	2.63	35572	1689.49	83433	4847.08
U.K.	-	-	-	-	8338	492.78
U.S.A.	-	-	1	0.04	42	3.41
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	5695	358.40
Yemen	-	-	-	-	96031	5366.57
Total :	350	18.53	86628	4234.01	617211	36090.17