

Request to remove export duty on Onions and procurement of Onions to be done directly through market committees and farmers by NAFED

SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE (DINDORI): Hon. Chairman Sir, thank you very much for giving me this maiden opportunity to speak in Zero Hour. Today is World Tribal Day and would like to wish you all on this day. Onion is a main crop in my constituency. Onion producing farmers are facing serious problems today. The ban on onion export has been revoked but the export duty is very high which is around 40% and export value imposed is around 550 US dollars. So, our onion costs around Rs. 56 per kg. in international market whereas the onions from Pakistan are available as cheap as Rs. 28 per kg.

So, if the Government really want to ensure the financial benefit of these farmers, the export duty on onions should be removed immediately and NAFED should start procuring onions from the market committees and farmers directly.