

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2525
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EXPORT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there has been decline in the export of rice;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; (
- (c) the quantity and value of export of Basmati and non-basmati rice during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government propose to conduct any survey to ascertain whether the rice importing countries have begun importing rice from other nations; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) : The total quantity and value of Basmati and non-basmati rice exported during the last 3 years is as under:-

Quantity : lakh metric tonnes
Value : in Rs.crores
Year
Basmati Rice
Non-basmati rice

(April-March)

Quantity
Value
Quantity
Value
1996-97

5.23
1247.64
19.89
1924.72
1997-98

5.93
1685.62
17.96
1685.38
1998-99 (Prov)
6.01
1866.25
43.40
4334.55
Apr-Nov, 99 (Prov.)

3.78
1155.77

738
827.53
Apr-Nov, 98

3.84
1191.05
28.21
2824.34

(Source: DGCIS, Calcutta)

The exports of rice would depend upon International demand and supply position, domestic demand and supply position, international and domestic prices, consumer preferences, and varieties traded. Low international demand and better crop production in rice consuming countries has led to the shrinking of Indian rice exports during the current financial year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.