

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:292  
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EXPORT OF MEAT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of countries to which the meat of various animals exported during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether various religious organisations/social organisations have submitted requests/suggestions to the Government to stop the meat export;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) During the last three years, meat of various animals has been exported to Albania, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Peoples Republic of China, Comoros, Congo, Czech Republic, Denmark, Arab Republic of Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Gibraltar, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, UK, USA, West Samoa, Yemen Republic and Zimbabwe. ....2/-

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b&c) Various religious/social organisations have been representing to the Government from time to time to stop the export of meat on religious ground as also due to their apprehensions that it would lead to the depletion of livestock wealth of India. Prominent among these organisations include Ahimsaa Research Foundation, New Delhi; Animal Rights International, New Delhi; Ahimsa Mahasangh, Mumbai; The Bombay Humanitarian League, Mumbai; Maharaja Kumarapal Jeevadaya Trust, Chennai; Jain Samaj in various States Ahimsa Priya Samaj, New Delhi; Akhil Bharatya Maans-Niryat Nirodh Parishad and its branches in various states.

d) Government has considered, with necessary gravity, the requests to ban export of meat and meat products from India. Exports of meat have not led to depletion of livestock wealth of India. According to the livestock census of 1987 and 1992, the livestock population has reportedly increased from 445.28 million in 1987 to 470.14 million in 1992, thereby registering an annual growth rate of 1.1% Moreover, the meat exports of India amount to only about 4% of meat production in the country. The livelihood of a sizeable number of people is connected with the meat industry involving rearing of animals, slaughtering of animals and meat processing. As such, a ban on meat export may result in unemployment as well as loss of foreign exchange earnings. Moreover, unproductive animals will not be tended and thereby become carriers of livestock diseases affecting productive cattle and milk production. Such unproductive animals will also require to be fed, thus depriving healthy productive animals of the care they would need.