

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1067
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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attempt to export foodgrains have turned out to be a damp squib;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether several countries have refused to import Indian foodgrains;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to resolve the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : As per EXIM Policy, export of wheat is free subject to quantitative ceilings as may be notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) from time to time and Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate issued by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) For the year 2000-01, a ceiling of 2 million tonnes of wheat and unlimited quantity of wheat products have been announced. The exports of wheat would depend upon international demand and supply position, international and domestic prices, consumer preferences and varieties traded.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise.