

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to increase foodgrains export;
- (b) if so, the strategies adopted by the Government to compete with the international market; and
- (c) the various steps taken to boost foodgrains export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

- (a) FCI has been permitted to offer wheat for export at a price not lower than the CIP for BPL category, i.e. Rs.4150 per MT.

So far as export by Private Parties is concerned :-

- (i) Export of wheat is freely allowed subject to quantitative ceilings as may be notified by the Department of Commerce (DGFT) from time to time and Registration-cum Allocation Certificate issued by APEDA. For the year h MTs has been fixed.
 - (ii) Export of rice(Basmati and Non-Basmati) is free. Export is allowed subject to registration of contracts with APEDA.
- (b) & (c) : Some of the strategies and steps taken to enhance exports of foodgrains include conducting publicity campaigns, sending delegations abroad, participating in International trade fairs, inviting potential buyers and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products and for conducting market surveys.