

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:470  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001  
EXPORT OF RICE AT BPL RATES  
BODAKUNTI VENKATESHWARLU;MALYALA RAJIAH

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

- (a) whether the Government have decided to export rice at the same price at which it is supplied to Below Poverty Line families;
- (b) if so, the amount of subsidy given by the Government in selling FCI rice to traders for such exports; and
- (c) the quantity of rice exported so far, country-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHANTA KUMAR )

(a),(b)&(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF STARRED QUESTION 470 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 24 08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been permitted to offer rice for export at the following rates:-

- (i) Raw rice Rs.5,650 per MT
- (ii) Parboiled rice Rs.6,000 per MT

The Central Issue Price (CIP) of rice for BPL families is Rs.5,650 per MT

The Government does not provide any cash subsidy to the exporters. However, the export prices of rice are lower than the FCI's economic cost, which is Rs.11,760 per MT. The export prices have been fixed keeping in view, inter alia, the international prices.

(c): 1,20,876 MT of rice has been exported so far. Country-wise details are as under:-

Country      Quantity Export (MT)

Bangladesh	60,881
Saudi Arabia	12,260
Kuwait	2,500
African countries	45,235
Total	1,20,876