

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

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EXPORT OF ONION .

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increased production of onion this year, the Government propose to permit its export; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) Government has permitted export of 100,000 MTs of all varieties of onions during the period 9.2.2000 till 31.3.2000. For the year 1999-2000, the Government has permitted a total of 3.15 lakh MTs of onion for export.

b) The export of 100,000 MTs of onion of all varieties will be through NAFED, Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation Ltd.(KAPPEC), Bangalore, Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd.(KSCMF), Bangalore, Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB), Pune, Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.(GAIC), Ahmedabad and the A.P. State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (AP MARKFED), Hyderabad. A total foreign exchange of US\$ 15 Million (Rs. 64.5 crore) is likely to be earned from these exports by the end of March, 2000.