

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

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DEMAND OF INDIAN ONION IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the demand of Indian onion has been declined during recent past in the international market;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have found out the reasons for declining trend of demand of Indian onion in the abroad;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the specific plan of the Government to reverse this declining trend?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

a) and b) : There has not been any decline in the demand for Indian onions in the International market as is borne out by the following export data:

Year Quantity (In M.Tons) Value (In Rs. Crores)

1998-99	2,15,694.0	176.05
1999-2000	2,60,475.0	202.70
2000-2001	3,43,254.0	276.22
2001-02 (Apr.- Nov-01)	2,76,981.0	220.41+

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkatta (+Provisional)

c), d) and e): In view of the above, does not arise.