

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

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LIFTING OF BAN ON EXPORT OF ONION

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

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- (a) whether there is a great demand to lift the ban on export of onion;
- (b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to lift the ban imposed on export of onion completely;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the quantum of onion projected for export during the current year; and
- (e) the policy of the Union Government in regard to export of onion for the current year especially in respect of Maharashtra State?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): There is no ban on export of onions. As per EXIM policy, the export of onion is subject to quantitative restrictions and is canalized through NAFED and various State and Co-operative agencies. Ceiling on exports for the current year has been fixed at 7 lakh M.Tons.