

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1077
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EXPORT OF FOOD ITEMS
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

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

- (a) the quantity of food items exported during each of the last three years, item-wise;
- (b) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period; and
- (c) the impact of this export on the availability and the cost of the food items in the domestic market?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
- (b) The foreign exchange earned from export of food items during the last three years is as below:-

Year	Amount (US \$ Million)	Amount (Rs.In lakhs)
1997-98	4509.11 (1US\$=Rs.39.00)	1758553.71
1998-99	4864.48 (1US\$=Rs.42.00)	2043085.18
1999-2000	4219.64 (1US\$=Rs.42.50)	1793348.23

(c) The Policy of the Government to permit export of food items is governed principally by the concerns of India's food security, maximising incomes and earning foreign exchange. Review of export performance of food products is an ongoing process and accordingly policy interventions are made, as and when considered necessary with a view to making food items exports increasingly viable.

EXPORT OF FOOD ITEMS

Quantity in tonnes Value in Rs.Lakhs

April-March April -March. April -March.

1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

ITEM Qty. Value Qty. Value Qty. Value

Pulses	168052	36088.63	104096	22302.64	182228	40492.17
Rice Basmati	593323	168562.03	597793	187690.92	606468	173593.99
Rice Non-Basmati	1795743	168537.55	4365888	440384.53	1216681	136943.05
Wheat	1517	40.29	1763	135.79	20	1.73
Other Cereals	15350	1259.4	9527	868.36	7618	813.93
Spices	230531	140965.63	209828	163252.05	195793	170192.04

Cashew Nuts	76902	139990.69	77277	162746.66	92461	245144.77
HPS Groundnut	245401	56629.96	58326	13966.28	73244	18322.7
Sugar	173282	24444.82	12735	1735.93	7043	1076.54
Meat & Meat Prep.	80835.35	78811.71	78096.07			
Poultry & Dairy Prod.	11804.31	9696.96	9849.97			
Fresh Fruits	27684.21	26632.5	28822.12			
Fresh Vegetables	31295.13	27402.03	83.12			
Proc. Fruits & Juices	27286.9	29087.37	49033.87			
Processed Vegetables	11651.29	16727.09	16520.93			
Misc. Processed Items	25558.49	25508.11	63.53			
Marine Products	398201	448675.97	311256	436855.48	390655	511313.4
Tea	193700	187629.04	210395	226488.58	183807	176577.49
Coffee	160272	169614.02	193610	172792.19	165309	136406.81

TOTAL 1758553.71 2043085.18 1793348.23