

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

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ONION GROWERS/TRADERS  
AKHILESH YADAV

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

- (a) Whether the Onion growing farmers and traders have been benefited by the new export Policy of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of benefits accrued to the Onion growing farmers by the implementation of the export policy of the Government;
- (c) Whether the Onion growing farmers are likely to face acute crisis in the next crop season due to the present export Policy; and
- (d) if so, the immediate steps taken by the Government to tide over the crisis ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN )

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) In order to enable export of surplus produce, a total quantity of 1,00,000 MTs of Onions ( all varieties other than Bangalore Rose Onions and Krishnapuram onions ) has been allowed to be exported in the financial year 2000-2001. This would ensure better prices to the farmers. Export of Onions ( Bangalore Rose Onions and Krishnapuram Onions ) varieties has been canalised through the Karnataka State Agriculture Produce Processing and Export Corporation Ltd., Bangalore and A.P. MARKFED respectively. There is no restriction on the quantities for export of these two varieties through the canalising agencies.

(c) & (d) The Policy on export of onions is constantly under review and changes are made from time to time keeping in view the Onion production in the country to protect the interests of farmers and consumers.