

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:390
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004
PRODUCTION OF POTATO AND ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inspite of huge production of onion and potato their prices in the country are high as compared to international market;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total exports of onion and potato made during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to reduce export quota of these items to meet the domestic demand at reasonable prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a): No, Sir.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABH STARRED QUESTION NO. 390 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23RD AUGUST, 2004.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The available details of export of onion and potato during last three years since 2001-02 are given below:

(Quantity: MT, Value: Rs. in Crore)

Year Onion Potato

Quantity Value Quantity Value

2001-02	441850.00	3,32.43	8282.00	3.34
2002-03	588712.00	361.80	24365.00	11.82
2003-04	477846.00	355.26	48815.00	18.40

(d): There is no quota system for the export of onions and potatoes. However, the export of onions is being regulated through designated agencies of State Governments and some public sector agencies, as per Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992.