

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF POOR QUALITY FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the wheat and rice exported from India are being rejected by foreign countries due to poor quality;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the policy being adopted by the Government to ensure that foodgrains of standard quality are exported abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): To ensure that Basmati rice of standard quality are exported, the Government has issued orders which prohibit export of Basmati rice unless it conforms to standard specifications applicable and is accompanied by certificate of inspection by identified Agencies. Regarding non-basmati rice and wheat the exporters comply with importer's specifications.