

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF ONIONS H .

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

- (a) variety-wise details of the export of onion during each of the last three years and target fixed for export during the current year;
- (b) whether there is a persistent demand particularly from rose onion growers to increase the export quota of onions, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers are not getting remunerative prices for want of unrestricted export of onions;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to lift restriction on the export of onion to enable the farmers to get remunerative price; and
- (e) whether the Government is thinking of formulating a permanent Export policy for onion and implement the same at the earliest so that onion farmers get a minimum price of Rs. 600 per quintal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

a) Variety-wise details of the export of onion is not maintained. However, the total quantity and value of onion exported during the last three years is as under:

Year Quantity (in Lakh Tonnes) Value(in Rs.crores)

2001-02 4.42 332.42 2002-03 5.88 361.80 2003-04 4.77 355.25 (Apr.03-Nov.03) Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

Exports being dependent on a host of external and internal factors, no targets as such are or can be fixed.

b) to e) No Sir. As per the extant EXIM Policy, the export of onions is free without any quantitative restrictions. The export of onions is canalized through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) and other State Trading Enterprises(STEs).