

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

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

- (a) the details of the export of onion and other perishable items during the last three years and the current year alongwith the foreign currency earned out of such exports;
- (b) whether the Government has lifted ban on the export of some of the perishable items keeping in view the interest of the farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there has been a decline in export of these items and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action being taken by the Government to encourage export of these items especially processed food items and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) The details of export of onions and other perishable products for the last three years are given below:

Quantity in MT/ Value in Rs lakhs

2006-07      2007-08      2008-09 (Apr. 08-Jan.09)

Quantity Value    Quantity Value    Quantity Value

Onions	1378373	116331	1008606	103578	1261327	131428
Other Veg.	276825	43314	350235	48949	415271	55154
Total Veg	1655198	159645	1358841	152527	1676598	186582

Walnuts	5063	11804	6716	16208	4273	11155
Mangoes	79061	14194	54351	12742	78137	14915
Grapes	85898	30193	96964	31783	58228	19300
Other fruits	177638	30997	207701	30453	208909	34229
Total Fruits	347660	87188	365732	91186	349547	79599
Total F&V	2002858	246833	1724573	243713	2026145	266181

Source: APEDA based on DGCIS

(b to d) All perishable products are feely exportable under the Foreign Trade Policy in vogue. Export of Onion is canalized through NAFED and 11 other State Government Agencies. NAFED announces a Minimum Export Price (MEP) every month and all export of onions is subject to MEP. The information given above reveals that there is no decline in export of perishables products. Vegetables, though, during 2007-08 recorded a marginal decline over 2006-07 which is attributable to high domestic prices.

(e) The Government has been coordinating with the export promotion agencies such as Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Export Inspection Council (EIC) by providing necessary technical inputs and financial assistance. APEDA through its schemes for Infrastructure Development Scheme for Quality Development, Scheme for Market Development and the Scheme for Research & Development has been making efforts to gain market access for fruits and Vegetables, processed food items, etc. The efforts have resulted in growth in export of these products.