GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2081 ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009 EXPORT POLICY FOR AGRO PRODUCTS Balram Shri P.

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

- (a) whether export-friendly policy is expected to affect the demand for agricultural products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the details regarding demand supply situation of agricultural products in the country, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Export policies are made in favour of the exporters to face the competition in the international market after considering availability of the surplus in the domestic market, which only is allowed to be exported. To make the agricultural product available in the domestic market at the affordable price, the Government has been putting on various restrictions, including complete ban on export of particular commodity. Demand for agriculture products in the importing countries depends on the demand supply situation of the market of the respective countries.
- (c) The Government is not maintaining state wise demand supply situation of agriculture products. However,the Working Group of Planning Commission on 11th Plan had projected demand and supply of important agricultural crops during the 11th Plan and details of the same are as: -

2008-09 2011-12

Crop Projected Projected Projected Demand Production Demand Production

Rice 92.87 95.34(99.37) 98.79 104.21
Wheat 72.72 76.21(77.63) 77.36 83.61
Coarse Cereals 35.90 34.57(38.67) 38.19 35.75
Pulses 17.51 14.43(14.18) 19.91 15.73
Foodgrains 219.00 220.55(229.85) 234.26 239.30
Sugarcane 275.91 296.88(289.23) 322.54 305.51
Oilseeds 47.43 26.32(28.13) 53.39 27.53

- Figures in brackets are the actual production estimates as per 3rd Advance Estimates.