

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF RICE

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

- (a) the details of export of Basmati and non-Basmati rice during the last three years, Country-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to restrict the export of Basmati rice in view of rising consumption in the country and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has allowed export of non-Basmati rice to some African countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether some private exporters were given permission to export non-Basmati rice to these countries over MMTC, STC and other PSUs;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the said exports were made as commercial transaction or food aid programme to above countries; and
- (h) the procedure being followed and the criterion adopted in fixing the price of rice for exports?

Answer

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

(a): Madam, the details of export of basmati rice and non-basmati rice are as under:

(Qty: In Lakh tonnes; Value: Rs.in Crores)

Products	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (April-Oct)	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
BasmatiRice	11.83	4344	15.56	9477
Non-BasmatiRice	52.86	7410	9.32	1687

Source: APEDA

UAE, Saudi Arabia and Nepal are the prominent countries importing non-basmati rice from India, while UAE, Saudi Arabia and Iran are the prominent countries importing basmati rice from India.

(b): No, Madam.

(c-d): Yes Madam. The Govt. vide notification No.104 dated 6th May 2009 notified that export of non-basmati rice may be done on the Government account to the allowed 21 African countries.

(e-f): No Madam, as per the above notification the exports were to be made through MMTC, STC and PEC. No private operators have been given preference to export non-basmati rice to these countries over these PSUs.

(g-h): The said exports were made on diplomatic basis. It was decided that PSUs would supply rice to the designated country on commercial terms.