

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

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EXPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE

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

- (a) the details regarding total quantity and value of wheat export during the last three years, country-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has banned export of wheat and wheat products;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether objections have been voiced in some quarter on the decision to ban export of wheat;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to constitute an empowered Group of Ministers for deciding strategies for management of foodgrains stocks;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the steps taken, if any, to ensure participation of farmers on the issue of export of agricultural products?

Answer

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

(a) The details of wheat exports to major countries, both in quantity and value, during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (Apr. 08- Jan. 09), is as follows:

Quantity in MTs, Value in Rs. lakhs

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

Country	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
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NEPAL	15206.08	1386.21	153.79	14.01	83.8	8.76
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UARAB EMTS	19777.6	1217.29	22	3.17	48	5.01
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USA	90.72	7.27	40	3.6	18.99	1.46
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BANGLADESH	5621.15	441.26	0	0	264	32.86
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FRANCE	0	0	0.2	0.04	200	15.86
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OTHERS	5937.66	483.06	21.27	3.14	11.4	1.25
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TOTAL	46633.21	3535.09	237.26	23.96	626.19	65.2
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Source: APEDA-DGCIS

(b-c) Yes,Madam.The export of wheat is not permitted currently.However the export of 6.5 lakh MTs of wheat products, up-to 31st March 2010, has been permitted vide Notification No. 116 (RE-2008)/2004-2009 dated 03 July, 2009. The exports of wheat and wheat products have been regulated to ensure the domestic availability of these products at affordable prices.

(d-e) No,Madam.

(f-h) Yes,Madam.The government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers to consider the issues concerning procurement, management of food-grains stocks, revision of central issue prices of food grains and the proposed law on food security. The government takes into considerations inputs provided by various stakeholders, including the farmers, while making policy regarding export of agricultural products.