

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON EXPORT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to lift the ban on the export of rice is under consideration of the Government in view of the decline in wheat production globally and surplus stocks in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. There is no proposal under consideration to lift the ban on export of non-basmati rice imposed with effect from 01.04.2008. However, exports of certain quantities of non-basmati rice are being allowed to friendly countries based on humanitarian aid.