

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

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

- (a) the details regarding total exports of onion and potato during the last three years;and
- (b) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to reduce export quota of these items to meet the domestic demand at reasonable prices?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of export of onion and potato during the last three years are as given below:

Quantity: MTs, Value: Rs lakhs

Product	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
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Onions	1008606	103578	1670186	182752	1664922	231943
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Potato	78451	4143	184961	11504	94088	7421
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Source: APEDA

- (b) Potato exports are freely allowed under the Foreign Trade Policy while the exports of onion are subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) announced by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) on regular basis which is one of the canalizing agencies. For the month of November 2010, MEP on Onions has been hiked from USD 375/MT to USD 525/MT to increase the domestic supply.