

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the large quantity of foodgrains is being exported to various countries;
- (b) if so, the quantity and value of foodgrain exported during the last three years and the current years;
- (c) whether the export of certain foodgrain items was banned due to rise of domestic prices for the last two years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is contemplating to permit export of wheat, potato and onion in near future for maintaining the price balance as the domestic prices of these items are falling sharply; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a-b) The details of export of foodgrains during last three years are given below:

(Qty in 000 tonnes, value in Rs. Crore)

Year	Wheat		Basmati Rice		Non Basmati Rice		Other Cereals	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
2007-08	0.237	0.24	1183.36	4345	5285.92	7410	3228.05	3002
2008-09	1.121	1.46	1556.41	9477	931.88	1687	3999.65	3921
2009-10	0.047	0.06	2016.78	10889	139.54	365	2924.47	2973
2010-11 (Till Oct.,10)	0.319	0.56	1155.57	5520	59.50	143	1155.55	1216

Source: APEDA

(c-f) Export of agricultural products depends on several factors including domestic and international demand and supply situation. Whenever, there is scarcity or short supply of any product in the domestic market, government prohibits or restricts exports to ensure

availability of such products to consumers at reasonable price. Currently, export of onion and potato is allowed, whereas export of wheat (except on diplomatic basis) is prohibited. Government has also banned the export of Non-Basmati rice since April 2008. However, export of some premium varieties of Non-Basmati Rice like Sona Masuri, Matta and Ponni has been permitted since 10th February 2011, subject to quantitative restrictions.