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EXPORT OF VEGETABLES AND PULSES

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

(a) whether the Government exports onion, tomato and pulses to USA, European Union countries and SAARC countries; and

(b) if so, the details of exports during the last two years and the reasons of such export when domestic demand is very high?

**Answer**

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

(a-b) Export activity is driven by the demand and supply factors. Wherever, there is scarcity or short supply of the produce in the domestic market, government takes initiative like ban of exports to ensure availability of such products to consumers at reasonable price. Currently, export of onions and tomatoes is allowed, whereas export of pulses (except kabuli chana) is banned. The details of export of onions and tomatoes to the USA, EU & SAARC countries during 2008-09 & 2009-10 are as under:

(Qty in Metric Tonnes, Value in Rs. Lakh)

Product	2008-09		2009-10	
	Qty	Val	Qty	Val

Tomatoes

a) SAARC 111849 11185 95231 9137

b) EU 3.49 0.06 4.21 0.15

c) USA 1.90 0.20 0 0

Onions

a) SAARC 1295098 140522 1340472 187804

b) EU 5330 709 7768 1267

c) USA    151    25    58    9

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