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EXPORT OF BASMATI AND NON BASMATI RICE

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

- (a) the details regarding total export of Basmati and non-Basmati rice during the last three years along with the names of countries to which these exports were made;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to allow rice exports selectively;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure followed for export of rice;
- (d) whether such steps by the Government would fuel the high prices of rice in the domestic market; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government and steps being taken to keep the prices under control?

Answer

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

(a) The details of export of rice (basmati & non-basmati) during the last three years is given below:

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

Year	Basmati Rice		Non Basmati Rice		Total	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2007-08	1182.15	4341	5286.84	7411	6468.99	11,752
2008-09	1556.41	9477	931.89	1687	2488.30	11,174
2009-10	2016.87	10890	139.54	365	2156.41	11,255

Source: DGCIS

The prominent importing countries of basmati rice are Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iran, UK etc. The export of non-basmati rice was made to Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Togo, Nigeria, South Africa, Guinea, Benin, Cote D'Ivoire, Cameroon, Somalia, Senegal etc.

(b-c) Export of basmati rice is permitted with a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US \$ 900 per metric ton. Recently, Government has permitted export of premium quality of non-basmati rice viz Sona Masuri, Ponni and Matta with a quantitative restrictions of 1,00,000 tons, 25,000 tons and 25,000 tons respectively with certain port restrictions and with following conditions:

- (i) The export would be in consumer packs upto 10 kgs. each.

(ii) A maximum quantity of 5000 metric tons for all 3 varieties would be allowed for export per IEC.

(iii) The export would be allowed only upto 3.09.2011.

(d) Export of high priced basmati rice and other specialty non-basmati rice as mentioned above in small quantities do not have any adverse impact on the availability of rice in the country when compared to the total production of rice in the country.

(e) Does not arise.