

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF ONION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been constant decline in the prices of onion during February 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the minimum price level of onion;
- (c) whether the Government had allowed export of onion to check the decline in their prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the total quantum of onions fixed for export alongwith the export price fixed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There has been constant decline in the modal prices of onion during February, 2011, both in producing and consuming markets as evident from the table below:

Feb, 2011 Producing Markets Consuming Markets#
(Rs. per quintal) (Rs. per quintal)

	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
1st to 7th	1500	725	2600	1069
8th to 15th	1005	575	1700	700
16th to 22nd	1025	675	1500	938
22nd to 28th	850	450	1400	600

Source: National Horticulture Research and Development Foundation, Nasik
Bangalore, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Delhi

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The export of onion has been permitted with effect from 18th February, 2011 subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP)• of US\$ 1400 per Metric Ton for Bangalore Rose and Krishnapuram variety and US\$ 600 per Metric Ton for other varieties. The export of onions is now allowed through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) subject to applicable MEP depending upon the variety of onions. The export of onions (i) in cut form (ii) in sliced form and (iii) broken in powder form has been made free without any MEP.