

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF POTATO AND ONION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the potato and onion crops have been affected due to drought and flood in the country;
- (b) if so, the production of potato and onion in the years 2008 and 2009 respectively; and
- (c) the total quantity of potato and onion exported during 2008 and 2009?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): No, Madam. Potato and onion crops were not affected by drought and floods. However, due to delayed rains during 2009 the sowing of kharif onion was affected compared to that in 2008 which resulted in slight reduction in production.

(b): The production of potato and onion in the years 2008-09 to 2010-11 is as under:-

(in 000MT)  
Crops Potato Onion  
Year  
2008-09 34391.01 3565.0  
2009-10 36577.3 12158.8  
2010-11 (2nd Adv. Est.) 39656.0 14824.0  
Source: DAC and NHB

(c): Total quantity of potato and onion exported during 2008 and 2009 is as under:

(in000MT)  
Crops Potato Onion  
Year  
2008-09 196.39 1670.19  
2009-10 96.40 1664.92  
Source: NHB