

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2763
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EXPORT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to export rice through diplomatic channels to Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total quantity of rice earmarked by the Government for export to these countries;
- (c) whether similar request has been received by Government from Indonesia;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that the rice is exported only after ensuring sufficient stock for domestic consumption in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The requisite details are given below:

Name of the DGFT Notification	No.	Quantity	Agency
Country	Allowed for involved		
	export of non-		
	basmati rice		
	(in tons)		

Nepal 33/2009-2014 dated 25,000 MMT
03.03.2010

Sri Lanka -do- 20,000 PEC Ltd.

Bangladesh O3(RE-2010) / 2009- 3,00,000 STC & PEC
2014 dated 30.8.2010
as amended vide Notification
No. 20 (RE-2010)
/ 2009-2014 dated 10.02.2011

(c) The Government of Indonesia has approached Indian Mission in Jakarta to enter into Government to Government (G2G) MOU for purchase of 5 lakh tons of rice from India.

(d) Export of non-basmati rice is presently allowed under Open General License. No decision has been taken for export of rice to Indonesia on diplomatic grounds.

(e) The stock position of rice in the Central pool as on 01.11.2011 is 260.83 lakh tons and the estimated opening balance of rice as on 1st October, 2012 is likely to be 202.75 lakh tons against the buffer norms and strategic reserve of 72 lakh tons. This stock is sufficient to meet the domestic consumption of rice under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) as well as other welfare

schemes till the next season.