

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

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EXPORT OF PULSES

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

- (a) whether the Government has imposed ban on the export of pulses, grams, kabuli channa, organic pulses and onions from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to review the ban on these products and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether these products have been imported during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, year-wise alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : Export of all pulses are banned since 27.06.2006. Some exemptions to this ban are (i) kabuli channa (exempted since 07.03.2007) (ii) export of organic pulses with annual limit of 10,000 MTs (exempted since 23.03.2011) and (iii) export to Sri Lanka under specific permission granted by DGFT. In addition to these, exemptions have been given on a few occasions for export of pulses to Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives. At present there is no ban on export of onion and is permitted subject to Minimum Export Price notified by DGFT. In the last one year ban on export of onion was imposed twice i.e. (i) from 22.12.2010 to 18.02.2011 and (ii) from 09.09.2011 to 20.09.2011. Decision to ban exports or modify the export policies of commodities including pulses and onion are taken by the Government from time to time to ensure that there is no scarcity of the items in the country and these are available to the consumers at reasonable prices. Review of export policy is a continuous process undertaken by the Government from time to time. The Government reviews the export policy in consultation with the administrative Ministries and the Departments concerned, keeping in view the various factors such as availability of goods in the domestic market, production, the price situation and various national and international commitments etc.

The details of import of onion and pulses during the last three years are given below:

(Quantity in Tons and Value in Lakh Rupees)

Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
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Onion	89.00	6.51	629.67	135.43	12506.13	3071.16
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Pulses	2593690.00	653515.00	3750005.04	1062918.12	2777827.82	751248.64
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