

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN ONION PRICES

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of onion have declined in the domestic market during the period from April to September, 2011 as compared to the prices during the corresponding period of last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has banned the export of onion;
- (d) if so, the price per tonne of onion in the markets of the country before the ban imposed on its exports;
- (e) the reasons for increase in the prices of onion after the ban;
- (f) whether the Government has sought any suggestions from the Group of Secretaries regarding the prices of onion; and
- (g) if so, the details and the outcome thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for onion during April-September, 2010 and April- September, 2011 (base year 2004-05=100) are given below;

Period    2010    2011

April    148.0    156.9

May    139.0    150.3

June    150.2    174.4

July    158.0    200.9

August    164.7    244.8

September    204.8    253.1