

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3927
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EXPORT OF NON-BASMATI RICE
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

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

- (a) whether the Government has put quantitative restrictions on the export of non-basmati rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any demand has been made to the Government to allow the export of Jaishreeram, HMT and Suwarna Brands of rice produced in Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) : No Madam.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : Minister for Agriculture and Marketing, Government of Maharashtra through letter dated 22.12.2011 had informed that major area under paddy cultivation in Maharashtra is of H.M.T., Jai Sriram and B.P.T. varieties and farmers are getting relatively less price in the market for these varieties which is causing distress among farmers. He had therefore requested to completely remove ban on rice exports.

(d) : A reply was sent to him by Commerce Industry & Textile Minister on 17.01.2012 informing that all varieties of non-basmati rice are free for export out of privately held stocks by private parties through EDI ports. H.M.T., Jai Sriram and B.P.T. varieties of rice from Maharashtra are also free for export in terms of the above notification.