

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of agricultural products exported and imported by the Government during each of the last three years, item-wise and value-wise;
- (b) the total amount of revenue generated through export of foodgrains during the said period;
- (c) whether the export of these foodgrains are made at subsidized rates and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there has been instances of irregularities in the export-import of foodgrains during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a & b) The details of total quantum of agricultural products exported and imported by the Government during each of the last three years, item-wise and value-wise and revenue generated there from are at Annexure-I.

(c) The Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agriculture products including food grains through various measures and incentives under Foreign Trade Policy from time to time. Incentives are granted after considering various factors including stocks of agriculture products available in the country, surplus over and above the buffer stock norm and strategic reserve requirements, if any, the concerns of food security, availability of agriculture products to common man at reasonable prices and remunerative returns to the grower and price competitiveness in the international market etc.

(d & e) The export and import of agricultural products including food grains is regulated under Foreign Trade Development Regulation Act. Any instances of irregularity/violation of any provisions of the Act in the export and/or import is dealt as per the provisions of the said Act.