

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2831
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2012
EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
Panda Shri Prabodh;Tarai Shri Bibhu Prasad

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is actively considering to put some curbs on the export of foodgrains as the inadequate/erratic rainfall in the beginning of the monsoon this year is likely to result in lower production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. In view of the comfortable stock position of the Wheat and Non-basmati Rice in the country, Government allowed export of these foodgrains under Open General Licence (OGL) with effect from 9.9.2011. Government has further decided on 29.11.2012 to continue the unrestricted export of these foodgrains under OGL.