

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is one of the largest producers and exporters of rice in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of the total rice production in the country and its export as well as the percentage share of India in the global rice trade during each of the last three years, basmati/non-basmati-wise;
- (c) whether global rice production has reached record level recently and that the production in some of the traditionally rice importing countries has also been rising steadily;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is aware that these events may lead to falling international prices of rice and pose threat to rice growing farmers receiving lesser prices than usual including the basmati rice growing farmers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the Government's reaction thereto; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to assist the basmati rice growers to mitigate their risk against volatile prices in the domestic and international markets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The requisite data is given in the following Table:

Qty in million MT			
Description	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Production world	441	448	463
Production India	89.09	95.99	104.32
% share of India in world rice production	20.20	21.43	22.53
Trade world rice	31	36	38
Export from India (basmati)	2.02	2.37	3.18
Export from India (non-basmati)	0.14	0.10	4.0
Export from India (total rice)	2.16	2.47	7.18
% share of India in world trade	6.97	6.86	18.89

(Source: World production and world trade- International Grain Council; India's production- Department of Agriculture & Cooperation; India's trade -Department of Commerce)

(c): The global rice production in 2012-13, as per International Grain Council forecast, is 464 million MT compared to 463 million MT in 2011-12 and 448 million MT in 2010-11. Country-wise production of rice in major importing countries in 2008, 2009 & 2010 (as per FAO data) is annexed. It may be seen that production in a number of countries has increased.

(d) & (e): International prices of rice during 2009-2012 show increasing trend. As per FAO data, average annual price of rice (White Broken Rice, Thai A1 Super f.o.b. Bangkok) has increased from USD 328.10/MT in 2009 to USD 540.30/MT in 2012. Significant volatility in prices of rice has not been seen in recent years.

(f): There is no such proposal.