

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BAN ON EXPORT OF MAIZE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the starch manufacturing industry which manufactures starch from maize is facing severe crisis due to non availability of maize in the domestic market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its impact on the starch manufacturing industry;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to restrict or ban the export of maize from the country in order to protect these industries and to make maize available to them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) As per the Second Advance Estimates of Production of Foodgrains for 2012-13, there is an estimated 3.2% decline in the production of maize in 2012-13 from 21.76 million tons to 21.06 million tonnes (2012-13).
- (b) In a globalised and market determined economy, there is always a competing demand on raw materials from different user industries.
- (c & d) At present, there is no such proposal to ban or restrict the export of Maize. The export of agricultural products depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, if any, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices.