

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps for imposing a ban on export of meat in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The export of meat is helpful in improving the economic conditions of owners of buffaloes, mostly marginal farmers. Their far income is supplemented by sale of unproductive animals past their prime. Any ban on export is likely to be counter-productive in the long run and would give rise to unauthorized slaughtering and smuggling of meat. Moreover, this export fetches valuable foreign exchange for the nation and helps in maintaining proper balance of productive livestock in the system. Continuation of export of meat, for above mentioned reasons, is in the interest of the country, economy and farmers.