

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6389  
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2013  
ROLE OF FARMERS IN EXPORT POLICY  
Alagiri Shri S. ;Choudhary Shri Harish

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the foreign trade policy has been reviewed keeping in view the interest of the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the facts thereon;
- (c) the details of the evaluation work carried out to assess the impact of the foreign trade policy on the interest of the farmers in the country;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to accord priority to the farmers in framing of the foreign trade policy; and
- (e) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Review of export policy is a continuous process undertaken by the Government from time to time. The Government reviews the export policy in consultation with the administrative Ministries and the Departments concerned and other stake holders, keeping in view the various factors such as availability of goods in the domestic market, production, the price situation and various national and international commitments etc. As a result of such review, export of various agricultural commodities like non-basmati rice, wheat, milk products etc. which were banned earlier were made free. Presently, export of all agricultural commodities [except pulses and edible oils] is free. Government regulates the export of agricultural commodities in such a way that there is no scarcity in the country and it is available to the consumers at reasonable prices and at the same time the rate should not fall drastically in the domestic market depriving the farmers of remunerative prices. Free export of agricultural commodities will result in higher foreign exchange earnings for the country which will consequently benefit the farmers by giving them higher remunerative price.