

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:249  
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2013  
PRODUCTION OF ONION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the production of onion during each of the last three years and the current year in onion producing States;
- (b) the domestic demand and supply of onions during the said period;
- (c) the quantity and value of onion procured by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and other agencies directly from farmers during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ban the export of onion so as to ensure adequate availability of onion for domestic consumption; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 249 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH AUGUST, 2013.

(a): State-wise details of production of onion for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 are at Annexure. Onion planting for Kharif season 2013 has only started in July hence estimates of production for the current year are not available at this stage.

(b): The domestic demand for onion consumption is estimated at approximately 10 Lakh MT per month. Besides, approximately 15-20 Lakh MT onions are exported, 1 Lakh MT onions are used for seed production and 3-5 lakh MT of onions are processed every year.

(c): National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) procured 676.18 MT of onion valued at approximately Rs 230.00 lakh in 2010-11, and 944.35 MT of onion valued at Rs 68.30 Lakh in 2011-12. NAFED did not procure onion in 2012-13.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. However, Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US \$ 650 per tonne has been imposed on onion exports with effect from 14.8.2013.