

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:823  
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ONION PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), a large cooperative has recommended to the Union Government to raise the minimum price at which onion can be exported to discourage its exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Recommendation of NAFED is taken into consideration by the Union Government in fixing Minimum Export Price (MEP) of onion. MEP of US\$ 650/MT on export of onion was fixed on 14th August 2013 which was increased to US\$ 900/MT on 19th September 2013 and US\$ 1150/MT on 1st November 2013.