

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

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RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT

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

- (a) whether the Government has imposed/proposes to impose any restrictions/ban on the export of fruits and vegetables in view of their scarcity and rising prices in the domestic market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise along with the criteria being adopted by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures being taken by the Government to ensure their adequate supply in the domestic market;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to scrap the minimum export price for onion and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the present status thereon; and
- (e) whether there has been any fluctuation in the quantum of soya-meal and corn exported from the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a) to (d): There is no proposal to restrict/ban export of fruits and vegetables at present. Whenever the situation so warrants, Government takes appropriate action to regulate export of commodities in consultation with the concerned administrative departments, so as to ensure adequate availability for domestic consumption at reasonable prices. Such actions include

(i) prohibition on export of pulses and edible oils and

(ii) Minimum Export Price (MEP) on export of onion. Fruits and vegetables are perishable commodities. Price of any commodity, including that of fruits and vegetables, gets determined by their demand and supply conditions. In the case of fruits and vegetables, weather conditions affect supply. Adverse weather conditions and relevant local factors may lead to lower production, which if combined with a ban on export would deprive the farmers from receiving remunerative prices. The needs of the farmers and the interests of the consumers have to be appropriately balanced. In the case of onions, there is an Inter Ministerial Committee which reviews and monitors the situation periodically. At their recommendation the Minimum Export Price (MEP) of onion is notified. The current applicable MEP on export of onion is US\$ 150 per MT.

(e): Data of export of maize(corn) [ITC(HS) Code 10059000] and meal of soyabean, solvent extracted (defatted) [ITC(HS) Code 23040030] during the last three years and the current year is as under:

[Qty. in MT and Value in Rs. Crores]

Year	Maize(Corn)		Meal of Soyabean	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2010-11	2964948.50	3268.67	4320473.00	7842.71
2011-12	3837593.25	5078.25	4212636.50	7902.19
2012-13	4775944.00	7010.43	4036772.00	12018.69
2013-14	2103912.00	3180.86	1069756.50	3692.33

(April-September)

Export of Maize(Corn) has increased progressively on year to year basis between 2010-11 and 2012-13 except current year where there is a slight decrease. Export of Soyabean meal (Solvent extracted, defatted variety) has shown a progressive decline between 2010-11 and 2012-13 and also in 2013-14.