

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:345

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EXPORT OF ONION

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

- (a) the quantity and value of onion exported during the last six months;
- (b) the agencies in the country involved in the export of onion alongwith the locations thereof;
- (c) whether onion is being exported on a regular basis inspite of the scarcity in the country; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a) to d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 345 FOR ANSWER ON 14TH DECEMBER 2009 REGARDING EXPORT OF ONION.

(a) As per the information from National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), a quantity of around 9.14 lakhs MTs of onion valued to Rs.1188.20 crores (tentative) has been exported through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) during the last 6 months i.e. June- Nov. 2009.

(b) There are 13 canalizing agencies for export of onions which are as follows:

- # NAFED, New Delhi
- # Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune (MSAMB)
- # Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation, Ahmedabad (GAIC)
- # Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd.,Bangalore (KSCMF)
- # Andhra Pradesh State Trading Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad (APSTCL)
- # National Co-operative Consumers Federation Of India Ltd., New Delhi (NCCF)
- # Spices Trading Corporation Ltd., Bangalore (STCL)
- # North Karnataka Onion Growers Co-operative Society Ltd., Hubli (NKOCS)
- # Madhya Pradesh Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd., Bhopal (MPAIDC)
- # Andhra Pradesh State Co-op Marketing Federation Ltd., Hyderabad (APfed)
- # Madhya Pradesh State Co-op Oilseed Growers Federation Ltd., Bhopal (MPOGF)
- # Karnataka Agricultural Produce Processing And Export Corporation Ltd., Bangalore
- # West Bengal State Essential Commodities Supplies Corporation Ltd., Kolkata (WBSECS)

(c & d) There is no scarcity of onions in the country and the domestic availability is the same as it was last year. The policy of canalisation of Onion exports and the fixing of Minimum Export Price (MEP) by NAFED ensures a balance between exports and domestic availability. To check the price rise in the domestic market, the NAFED has been revising the MEP from time to time.