

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF BUFFALO MEAT

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

- (a) whether the export of buffalo meat between April and October, 2014 registered a substantial increase over the corresponding period in the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the factors responsible for the same;
- (c) the countries that have imported buffalo meat from India along with the quantum of foreign exchange earned thereby during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (d) whether China accounts for 45% of the country's total buffalo meat export;
- (e) if so, the export of buffalo meat taken place through Vietnam during the said period inspite of India and China having a pact for direct export of buffalo meat and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for exporting buffalo meat directly to China? ANSWER okf.kT; ,oa mksx jkT; ea=h)Lora= izHkkj) (Jherh fueZyk lhrkje.k)

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b) The export of buffalo meat between April and October, 2014 registered an increase of 13.71% in quantity terms and 14.35% in US dollar terms over the corresponding period in the previous year. The increase in the export of buffalo meat during April to October, 2013-14 was on account of increase of business in Vietnam, Egypt, Malaysia, Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

(c) The top five countries that have imported buffalo meat from India along with the quantum of foreign exchange earned thereby during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise are given as under:

(Value in US\$)

COUNTRY	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (Apr-Dec)
VIETNAM	831.48	943.65	1795.57	1800.15
EGYPT	238.99	230.59	338.22	380.40
MALAYSIA	291.39	357.44	388.67	302.17
THAILAND	88.52	265.64	296.32	239.91
SAUDI ARAB	196.92	215.53	247.11	181.86
Others	1195.52	1188.28	1284.50	865.49
Grand Total	2842.83	3201.14	4350.38	3769.99

Source: DGCIS

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Indian bovine meat and meat products are not allowed entry into the Chinese market on grounds of prevalence of Food-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) in India. The ban was imposed in 1990 by China because of the incidence of Cattle Plague (Rinderpest) and FMD in India. India conveyed to the Chinese Authorities that Rinderpest has been completely eradicated as per OIE resolution in 1995. However, China did not accept Indias status as Rinderpest-free country till January 2012. On persistent efforts from India, China and India entered into an MOU for export of buffalo meat directly to China in May,2013. On completion of other codal formalities like inspection of meat processing plants by the Chinese regulator i.e.General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) etc. the Indian export of buffalo meat to China is likely to commence.