

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:318
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BAN ON EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum and value of onion exported as well as imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (b) whether there has been any adverse impact of export on its prices in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impose any restriction/ban on its export and review its Minimum Export Price (MEP) in view of its scarcity and rising prices in the domestic market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The quantum and value of onion exported as well as imported during each of the last three years, country-wise (top 5 destinations) are given below.

Export:	Qty in MT/ Value in Rs. Crore					
COUNTRY	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14			
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
BANGLADESH	313793	386	490127	438	404926	896
MALAYSIA	301354	443	385296	491	240489	639
U.A.E.	179051	222	211831	238	172179	330
SRI LANKA	153267	175	149394	205	223697	392
INDONESIA	48511	87	48824	67	82636	258
OTHERS	315331	410	383941	531	364145	682
Total	1311307	1723	1669413	1970	1488072	3197

Source: DGCI&S

IMPORT:

	Qty in MT/ Value in Rs. Crore					
COUNTRY	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14			
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
AFGHANISTAN	-	-	-	-	15492	26
CHINA	-	-	-	-	1604	5
EGYPT	-	-	-	-	314	1
IRAN	-	-	-	-	178	0.2
PAKISTAN	-	-	-	-	145	0.4
OTHERS	13	0.06	450	0.3	113	0.4
Total	13	0.06	450	0.3	17846	33

Source: DGCI&S

The country-wise quantum and value of onion exported during the current year is not available. There was no import of onion during the current year.

(b) Normally, export of onion as a percentage of production has remained in the range of 7% to 11% only. The domestic prices are determined by variety of factors like overall production in all the three production seasons (viz. Kharif, late kharif and Rabi crop), domestic consumption, APMC taxes, Commission agents' fees, export orders, availability of surplus, domestic and international demand and supply situation. Efficiency of supply chain from farm to the market also impact the prices.

(c) & (d) Keeping in view, the rising prices in the domestic markets, the Government had notified an MEP of USD 300 PMT FOB which was enhanced to USD 500 PMT FOB on 2nd July, 2014 in order to augment the domestic supply.