

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

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EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wheat and rice are being exported from the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity and value of their exports along with the rate of export duty imposed on them during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether onion, grains and pulses are being imported to meet the domestic demand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity and value of its import during the said period?

Answer

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

(a-b) Yes, Madam. Wheat and rice are being exported from India without any quantitative restriction or Minimum Export Price(MEP). There is no export duty on wheat and rice. The export of wheat and rice from 2011-12 onwards in terms of value and quantity is as under:

Qty in MT, value in US Million \$

Comm	2011	2012	2013	2014
odity	-12	-13	-14	-15
	(Apri - Sep.)			

Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value

Wheat	7,49, 202.	65,14 1934	55,72, 1569	24,97 704
	625 06 ,815 .24	025 .08 ,323 .90		
Rice	31,69, 3216	34,59 3564	37,54 4864	16,41, 2304
(basmati)	446 .99 ,829 .04 ,102 .89	160 .89		
Rice	39,91 1723	66,87 2651	71,48 2925	36,40 1537
(non-basmati)	,768 .38 ,851 .97 ,472 .16 ,212 .85			

Source: DGCIS

(c-d) India imports a negligible amount of grains. However, due to shortage of pulses in the domestic market, India import pulses and lentils to bridg the mismatch between supply and domestic availability. The import of wheat, rice, pulses and onion from 2011-12 onwards in terms of value and quantity is as under:

(Qty in MT, value in US Million \$)

Commodity	2011	2012	2013	2014
	-12	-13	-14	-15(Apri - Aug.)

Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value

Wheat	22 0.02	2,944 1.11	11,272 4.42	1.00 0.00#
Rice	1,060 1.16	716 0.73	1,442 1.37	855 0.77
Pulses	34,95 1,961	40,19 2,452	36,55 2,127	16,10 1042.02
	,845 .34 ,695 .34 ,278 .41 ,122			
Onion	353 0.19	450 0.06	17,847 5.31	669 0.22

Source: DGCIS/Website of DOC
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