

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ONION PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the production of onion is increasing in the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to lift the ban to safeguard the onion growers exporting the onion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per estimates provided by the states, total onion production during 2013-14 was 19769 thousand Metric tonnes which is about 18% higher than the previous year. The production of onion in the country during the last two years is given at Annexure. Month wise production data is not maintained.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no ban on the export of onion in the country. In order to safeguard the onion growers' interest and facilitate export of onion, the Minimum Export Price of onion has been reduced from US \$ 500 to US \$ 300 vide a Notification No. 91(RE-2013) /2009-2014 dated 21st August 2014.