

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2894
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st MARCH, 2018

MEP FOR EXPORT OF ONION

2894. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had fixed the Minimum Export Price (MEP) for export of onion at US dollars 850 per tonne;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the rate was applicable on shipment of this commodity till January, 2018;
- (c) whether Government is considering to extend the above stipulation further because of increasing trend of onion price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) : The Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US\$ 850 per metric ton was imposed w.e.f. 23.11.2017. The MEP on Onion was applicable till 18.01.2018.

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. The Government reviewed the price situation and reduced the MEP from USD 850 PMT to USD 700 PMT w.e.f. 19.01.2018. Later, with decreasing trend in prices of onion in domestic market, the Government removed the MEP for export of onion w.e.f. 02.02.2018.
