

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1828
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th MARCH, 2020

IMPORT OF ONIONS

1828. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that onion was recently imported from various countries to deal with shortage of the commodity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the major quantities of imported onion had rotten at ports of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for rotting of the commodity; and
- (e) who will bear the losses to the country's exchequer on this account?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Based on the direction of the Union Government, MMTC floated global/ country-specific tenders for import of onions to check scarcity and contain the hike in onion prices in the country. MMTC contracted import of 41,950 MT of onions from various countries against which import of about 35,857 MT onions materialized. The details of import of onions, country-wise, is given as under:-

Country	Quantity in MT
Egypt	7,051
Turkey	27,350
Holland	1456

(c), (d) & (e) : Out of 35,857 MT onions, as on 27.02.2020 about 26,400 MT onions have been disposed off by NAFED and MMTC, including supplies of about 3,319 MT to States/ UTs. To avoid loss on account of damage/ driage of imported onions, Government has directed MMTC and NAFED to dispose imported onions at prevailing market/ mandi/ online portal rates, in addition to supplies to States/ UTs.
