

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3393 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st APRIL, 2022

EXPORT OF WHEAT

3393(H). SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) the country-wise details of the total quantum of wheat exported by India during the current year;
- (b) whether the demand for Indian wheat has increased in the global market due to Russo-Ukraine war and if so, the steps related to export that have been taken by Government to meet this increased demand; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by Government to tap the immense potential of the export of wheat in the global market at present?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) The total export of wheat in terms of quantity during 2021-22 (till 21st March 2022) was 70.30 LMT. Country-wise details of the total quantum of wheat exported by India during the current year is given at **Annexure -I**.
- (b): As both Ukraine and Russia are major exporters of wheat with more than 25% total share in global wheat trade, there is scope for India to increase exports of wheat. As per Foreign Trade Policy, export of wheat is under 'Free' category and therefore no licence / Authorisation is required from Government for its export. Exporters from India have exported wheat in view of the rising global demand.
- (c): Government has taken the following steps to tap the immense potential of the export of wheat in the global market:
 - (i) To give impetus to the export promotion of wheat as well as to bring focus on the issues/challenges /bottlenecks faced in production and export, APEDA has created a Task Group for Wheat Export for making a strategy for promoting export of wheat.
 - (ii) Regular interaction with trade for addressing the issues in the supply chain of export of wheat.

- (iii) Regular follow up with the concerned stakeholders including concerned Government agencies, Indian Mission abroad, exporters, R&D Institutions etc. on issues pertaining to wheat and other agri products.
- (iv) Sensitization of trade towards compliance of standards prescribed by importing countries.
- (v) In order to ensure about the quality of the produce to be exported, APEDA has recognized 213 Labs across India for testing of produce.
- (vi) Assistance provided to up-grade and strengthen recognized laboratories for export testing and residue monitoring plans.
- (vii) Financial assistance is provided under the schemes of Quality Development and Market Development for boosting export of agricultural products including wheat.
- (viii) Organizes participation of its member exporters in the International Trade Fairs, which provides platform to the exporters to market their food products in International Market.
- (ix) New potential markets in Indonesia, Yemen Republic, Afghanistan, Qatar, Oman, Bhutan, and Philippines have also been explored for export of wheat through active involvement of Indian Embassies/ High commissions.
- (x) A series of Virtual BSM meetings with Embassies, importers, Exporters and Product associations from India have been organized.
- (xi) Developed online Virtual Trade Fair (VTF) platform. The virtual platform provides an opportunity for agri importers of several countries and our exporters to interact through VTF platform. The first Virtual Trade Fair was organized from 10th to 12th March 2021 for Cereals sector.
- (xii) Conducting Outreach Programmes as one of the important activities in various parts of the country for sensitization of stakeholders in the supply chain of agri exports.
- (xiii) For giving push to GI variety (Bhalia) of Wheat from Gujarat State, a trial shipment was sent to Kenya and Sri Lanka.
- (xiv) Assistance is also provided to exporters/ State Governments under other Schemes of the Department of Commerce.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 3393 for answer on 01st April 2022.

India's export of Wheat in terms of quantity to top 25 countries during the current year:

(Quantity in tons)

S.No.	Country	1 st April 2021 – 21 st March 2022*
1	BANGLADESH PR	39,37,438
2	SRI LANKA DSR	5,80,819
3	U ARAB EMTS	4,69,851
4	INDONESIA	3,68,274
5	PHILIPPINES	3,57,538
6	YEMEN REPUBLC	3,52,910
7	NEPAL	3,05,360
8	KOREA RP	2,12,155
9	QATAR	1,04,759
10	OMAN	92,411
11	MALAYSIA	69,315
12	DJIBOUTI	65,676
13	MYANMAR	27,944
14	THAILAND	21,688
15	VIETNAM SOC REP	15,716
16	ETHIOPIA	12,620
17	TAIWAN	10,129
18	AFGHANISTAN	10,000
19	SOMALIA	6,970
20	JORDAN	6,026
21	BHUTAN	1,795
22	SAUDI ARAB	867
23	KUWAIT	722
24	BAHARAIN IS	576
25	UGANDA	491
Total of above		70,32,049
% Share		99.97
India's Total Export of Wheat		70,34,380

Source: DGCI&S * Provisional
