

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4189**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

**EXPORT OF ONIONS**

**4189. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representation regarding waiver of restrictions on the export of onions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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

(a) & (b). As per the Foreign Trade Policy, currently there is no restriction on export of onions. However, the Government keeps receiving representations from Agricultural Associations/Members of Parliament/Legislative Assembly/Individuals etc. from time to time to remove restrictions, if any on the export of agricultural items including onions.

(c) The Government of India, in view of huge arrivals of onions in the market, reduced the Minimum Export Price (MEP) on onion export from USD 400 PMT (FOB) to Zero w.e.f. 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 which continues till date.

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