

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.64 (H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2017**

**EXPORT OF ONIONS**

**64(H). SHRI ALOK SANJAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to allow the export of onions due to bumper production of onions in the current season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of import-export of onion during the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes any change in the exportimport policy 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 of the Government, the export of onions is free. With effect from 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, the Department of Commerce has extended incentives @ 5% of the FOB value under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).

(c) The details of export-import of onion during the last three years and the current year, country-wise (top-five) is given as under : -

**Export**

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Lakh

S. No.	COUNTRY	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18(UPTO MAY-17)*	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1	BANGLADESH	456734	77964.61	422076	95014.38	847024	97611.19	51794	7539.33
2	MALAYSIA	215194	41621.67	270661	66894.92	400048	53707.63	68942	9474.53
3	U ARAB EMTS	131678	24793.53	169983	32793.52	304569	40279.68	64171	6992.22
4	SRI LANKA	131646	25839.13	212173	49759.66	218852	29784.95	41313	5080.86
5	NEPAL	75432	14044.52	81147	19664.38	128499	15821.58	20334	2150.43
6	Others	232477	45973.62	269240	59699.28	566925	83511.12	124394	14386.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1243161</b>	<b>230237.08</b>	<b>1425280</b>	<b>323826.14</b>	<b>2465917</b>	<b>320716.15</b>	<b>370948</b>	<b>45623.42</b>

Source: DGCI&S/ \* Provisional

**Import**

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Lakh

S.No.	COUNTRY	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18(UPTO MAY'17)	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
1	AFGHANISTAN	237	29.94	52961	10883.46	86.83	21.33	-	-
2	BANGLADESH	-	-	41048	16085.77	-	-	-	-
3	CHINA P RP	576	124.29	29982	8022.73	-	-	-	-
4	EGYPT A RP	-	-	1596	370.95	-	-	-	-
5	IRAN	-	-	1501	408.46	-	-	-	-
	OTHERS	-	-	1283	427.10	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>812.93</b>	<b>154.23</b>	<b>128371.361</b>	<b>36198.47</b>	<b>86.83</b>	<b>21.33</b>	-	-

Source: DGCI&amp;S/ \* Provisional

(d) No, Madam. The Government does not propose any change in the export-import policy of the onions.

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