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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2292 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st JANUARY,2018

EXPORT OF RICE AND WHEAT

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

- (a) the total quantity and value of rice including basmati rice and wheat exported from the country annually during the last five years and the current year;
- (b) the details of India's share in the global market for basmati rice as an exporter and the details of other basmati rice exporting countries indicating their share in global trade of basmati;
- (c) whether there is an increase/ decline in the export of basmati rice from the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there have been instances of dumping of agricultural products in the country from various countries and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to prevent such incidents and make the country self reliant in terms of agricultural products; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the minimum price to wheat and rice farmers in the country and to ensure regular supply of food grains in the domestic market?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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

(a) The details of total quantity and value of rice, including basmati rice, and wheat exported from the country, annually during the last five years and the current year, are as under:

Quantity in Lakh M1	; Value in US\$ Million
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Product	2012	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
											(Apr - Nov)		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value									
Basmati Rice	34.60	3,564.04	37.57	4,866.30	37.02	4,518.11	40.46	3,477.98	39.85	3,216.59	26.22	2,610.70	
Non Basmati	66.88	2,651.97	71.33	2,917.76	82.74	3,334.71	64.65	2,368.64	67.71	2,531.47	55.70	2,295.20	

Rice												
Wheat	65.15	1,934.24	55.62	1,566.49	29.24	828.76	6.67	164.22	2.66	67.24	1.80	47.20
Source: DGCI&S												

- (b) Other than India, basmati rice is produced and exported only by Pakistan. As per trade sources, share of India in global market for basmati rice is about 85%, the balance 15% being from Pakistan.
- (c) Due to increase in the cultivated area and higher production of basmati rice in India during Kharif 2014 and Kharif 2015, prices in the global market were lower. Therefore, there was decline in export realisation of Basmati rice during 2015-16 and 2016-17, in value terms. However, the prices of basmati rice have picked up during the past one year and there is a growth of about 30% in the current year, as compared to the same period in the previous year.
- (d) The Government has not received any reports of dumping of agricultural products in the country. The Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties has not received any application for imposition of anti-dumping duty on agricultural products.
- (e) To ensure remunerative prices for wheat and rice farmers, the Government annually fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat and rice and carries out procurement operations, if required. In order to increase production of rice and wheat in the country, the Government of India is implementing, through State Governments, several crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), etc.
