

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 281**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**ONION EXPORT**

281. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

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

- whether onion exports have declined in the current fiscal and if so, the details thereof indicating the percentage of decline;
- whether it is true that on the one hand the end users/consumers are purchasing onions at exorbitant price and on the other hand farmers are not getting remunerative price for onion due to its non export; and
- if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to increase onion export?

**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) Yes, Madam. There has been a decline of 21.78% in quantity terms and 8.54% in value terms in export of onion in the current fiscal year 2017-18 (Upto September,2017) as compared to the previous year i.e.2016-17 (Upto September,2016). The export details of onion is given as under:-

| <b>YEAR</b>              | <b>QUANTITY<br/>(MT)</b> | <b>VALUE<br/>(USD Million)</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Upto Sept.2016) | 12,02,638.92             | 225.49                         |
| 2017-18 (Upto Sept.2017) | 9,40,620.11              | 206.22                         |
| <b>%age change</b>       | -21.78%                  | -8.54%                         |

**NOTE:2017-18 FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL**

Source: DGCI&S

(b)& (c) The prices at consumer level and procurement prices are determined by many other factors including that time period, wholesale and retail margins, storage period, weather conditions etc. As per the Foreign Trade Policy of the Government, the export of onion was 'Free' till 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 and there has been no restriction of any kind on export of onion. In view of the price rise, the Minimum Export Price of USD 850 PMT has been levied on export of onions from 23.11.2017 till 31.12.2017. The question of non-export of onion does not arise and there has been continuous export of

onion during the current year. In order to boost export of onion, the Government has covered onion under “Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)” under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 which was continued till 30.09.2017. In addition, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) etc. to boost export of agri products which includes onions also.

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