

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5600 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd APRIL, 2018

EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS

5600(H). SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

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

- (a) the types of foodgrains and the quantum thereof exported under the Agricultural Products head along with the names of the countries where they were exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any such plan to enable the farmers of the country to directly export their agricultural products by giving them exemption in export duty and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives etc. to the farmers like loans at the lower rates, storages and cold chain warehouses under the Start-up scheme to promote single farming/cluster based agri-export; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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 India's exports of foodgrains during the last three years, product-wise and country-wise, are at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) At present, no export duty has been levied on export of any of the foodgrains.
- (c & d) Promotion of exports of agricultural commodities is a continuous process. The Department of Commerce has several schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) etc. In addition, assistance to the exporters of agricultural products is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board Rubber Board and Spices Board. These organisations also seek to promote exports through participation in international fairs & exhibitions, taking initiatives to gain market access for different products in different markets, dissemination of market intelligence, taking steps to ensure quality of exported products etc. Assistance under all the above schemes is available to all the exporters of agricultural products, including farmers.

Annexure-I

Quantum and Value of Foodgrain Export from India

Quantity in Lakh MT; Value in USD Million

Description	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
RICE -BASMATI	36.99	4516.28	40.46	3477.98	39.85	3208.60
RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI)	83.02	3336.84	64.65	2368.64	67.71	2525.19
GROUNDNUT	7.88	760.37	5.43	620.36	7.26	809.60
OTHER CEREALS	35.15	869.11	9.68	261.18	7.35	212.30
PULSES	2.22	199.86	2.56	252.09	1.37	191.05
OTHER OIL SEEDS	2.48	185.04	2.05	147.77	1.93	126.00
WHEAT	29.24	828.75	6.67	164.22	2.66	66.85
TOTAL	196.99	10696.25	131.48	7292.23	128.12	7139.59

Source: DGCI&S

Export of Foodgrains to Different Countries

Value (in USD Million)

Country	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
SAUDI ARAB	1309.99	939.84	758.69
U ARAB EMTS	597.05	648.97	645.45
IRAN	1244.39	606.43	580.47
IRAQ	292.09	376.78	486.85
NEPAL	302.97	302.62	353.59
BENIN	250.87	219.38	253.37
INDONESIA	528.30	216.06	236.22
U S A	274.21	264.39	226.28
SENEGAL	226.61	246.22	190.10
GUINEA	153.02	133.15	182.49
OTHER COUNTRIES	5516.74	3338.39	3226.07
TOTAL	10696.25	7292.23	7139.59

Source: DGCI&S
