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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5820
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018

PRODUCTION OF ONION

5820. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of onion is increasing continuously in the country from the year 2014-15 till February 2017-18;
- (b) if so, the rate of increase in the production of onion in each of the above years;
- (c) whether export of onion has also increased continuously during the said period in the country;
- (d) if so, the rate of increase of export in each of the said years; and
- (e) the average purchase price of onion for domestic consumers at national level in the country in each of the said years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): The production of onion has increased continuously from 2014-15 till 2016-17 but is likely to be lesser by 4.5% in 2017-18.
- (b): The rates of increase/decrease in the production of onion are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (c): The export of Onion increased during 2015-16 and 2016-17 but has decreased in 2017-18 (till December, 2017) over corresponding period in 2016-17.
- (d): The details of the rates of increase/decrease of onion export are given at **Annexure-II**.
- (e): The monthly average retail prices of onion for the domestic consumers at National level in the country for the years 2014 till 2018 (March) are given at **Annexure-III**.

PRODUCTION OF ONION AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Years	Production (in '000 MT)	% Variation over Previous year
2014-15	18927.41	
2015-16	20931.21	10.59
2016-17	22427.42	7.15
2017-18 (Provisional)	21401.86	-4.57

Source: State Departments of Horticulture & Agriculture

EXPORT OF ONION AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE

Years	Qty In Lakh MT	% Variation over Previous year
2014-15	12.38	
2015-16	13.83	11.70
2016-17	24.16	74.68
2017-18 (till December, 2017)	12.39	-31.62*

*Change compared to exports till December, 2017

Source: APEDA

Annexure-III**ALL INDIA MONTHLY AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF ONION**

Month	(Prices in Rs/Kg.)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	22.45	24.76	22.66	14.84	42.69
February	18.46	24.94	19.62	14.61	35.12
March	17.22	24.14	17.16	14.52	26.93
April	17.43	22.01	16.40	14.36	
May	18.69	22.07	15.68	14.07	
June	20.82	24.85	15.77	14.56	
July	28.22	28.61	16.64	15.04	
August	28.45	44.87	16.60	26.02	
September	26.86	54.14	15.65	26.58	
October	25.69	45.04	15.27	30.11	
November	25.63	36.74	15.97	39.07	
December	25.33	28.19	15.53	43.44	

Source: Department of Consumer Affairs (Price Monitoring Cell)
