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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2189(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th DECEMBER,2018**

EXPORT OF POTATO SEEDS

2189(H). SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the share of India in export of potato seeds is neglible despite being the highest potato producing country in the world;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any effective policy to promote the export of potato seeds;
(d) if so, the time by which the said policy is likely to be formulated by the Government; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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 & b)Yes, madam. India's share in world exports of potato seeds is negligible. However, in previous three years export of potato seeds from India is showing healthy growth.

HS Code	Product	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (April – Sept.)	
		Quantity	US $ Mill.	Quantity	US $ Mill.	Quantity	US $ Mill.	Quantity	US $ Mill.
07011000	Potato Seeds Fresh/chilled	818.07	0.71	1146.75	1.05	4174.72	2.06	1073.87	0.40

Source: DGCI&S

Netherland is the largest exporter of potato seed followed by other European countries like France, United Kingdom and Germany.

(c) to (e) There is no specific issues reported by industry/research institutes in export of potato seeds. While no policy, specifically for export of potato seeds is being contemplated, the Government has come up with a comprehensive Agriculture

Export Policy to promote agricultural exports from the country. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) also provides assistance to exporters of horticulture products like potato seeds under various components of its export promotion scheme.

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