

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st DECEMBER, 2018

EXPORT OF SCENTED RICE

3060. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

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

- whether the Government is exporting scented rice to International market in view of the steep rise in demand in the international market;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether there is any proposal to encourage export of scented rice to protect the Indian farmers; and
- if so, the details thereof and 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) India is the largest exporter of Basmati rice, which is one of the major varieties of aromatic/scented rice. Details of India's export of basmati rice during the last three years are as under:

Quantity: Lakh MT; Value: USD Million

2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
40.46	3477.98	39.85	3216.59	40.57	4169.48

Source: DGCI&S

- (c & d) Promotion of exports of agricultural products like scented rice is a continuous process. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has been mandated with the export promotion of rice including Basmati rice. APEDA has been able to register Basmati Rice as a Geographical Indication (GI) in February 2016. APEDA, in collaboration with the trade, has also established Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF), which undertakes various activities for development and export promotion of Basmati rice. Moreover, APEDA has also been providing assistance to the Basmati rice exporters under various components of its export promotion scheme.
