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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4365 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th JANUARY, 2019

INCREASE/DECLINE IN BASMATI RICE EXPORT

4365. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

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

- (a) whether there is an increase or decline in the export of basmati rice from the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there have been instances of dumping of agricultural products in the country from various countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such incidents and make the country self-reliant in terms of agricultural products?

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): Details of India's exports of basmati rice during the last three years are as under:

Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
Ì	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	4045822.29	3477.98	3985195.6	3216.59	4056758.62	4169.48

Source: DGCI&S/APEDA

While, there was a marginal decline in exports during 2016-17, there was a substantial increase, in value terms, during 2017-18. Exports of agricultural products like basmati rice depend on several factors such as International & domestic demand & supply situation, international & domestic prices, quality concerns of the importing countries etc.

- (c): There is no reported case of dumping of agricultural products from other countries. Further, no application for imposition of anti-dumping duty on agricultural products is pending in Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR).
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.
