

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
**LOKSABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 366**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

**PRODUCTION OF ONIONS**

366. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:  
SHRIVELUSAMY P.:

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

(a) the total quantity of onions produced in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to ban export of onions permanently since the demand is higher than supply in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the amendment to the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 by imposing stock limit will affect onion farmers; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to augment the income of the farmers who can stock their produce to get better price in future?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) The quantity of Onions produced in the country, during 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 (Third Advance Estimates) is as under: -

Onion Production in the country			
(in Lakh Tonne)			
2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimates)
232.62	228.19	260.91	268.30

(b) According to Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) and Department of Commerce, there has been no proposal for permanent ban on export of Onions.

(c) & (d) The decision to repeal the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 has recently been approved by the Cabinet.

Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored scheme being implemented in all States and Union Territories for the holistic development of horticulture, assistance is also envisaged @ 50% of total cost of Rs. 1.75 Lakh per unit for low cost Onion storage structure having a capacity of 25 Tonne each.

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