

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 35
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2022

EXPORT OF RICE

35. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed any increase in agricultural exports from 2018 -2021, if so, the details thereof
- (b) the details of Basmati, Par Boiled Rice and Non Par Boiled Rice exports made by India from the year 2015 - 2021;
- (c) the details of the countries which are potential importer of Basmati, Par Boiled Rice and Raw Rice from India;
- (d) whether the Government has surpassed the limitations set by WTO on agricultural exports;
- (e) whether the Government has any targets in export of Par Boiled and Raw Rice in coming years against the WTO norms;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the details of the measures taken by the Government to tackle the International pressure on Indian agricultural exports?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) : Yes, Sir. India's agricultural exports have increased from USD 39.19 billion in 2018-19 to USD 41.87 billion in 2020-21.

(b) : Details of India's export of rice, during the years 2015 -16 to 2020-21, are at Annexure.

(c) : Biggest importing countries for Basmati rice are Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Yemen and UAE; whereas the biggest importing countries for non-basmati rice are Benin, Nepal, Bangladesh, Senegal and Togo.

(d): As per WTO rules, there are no limits prescribed for agricultural exports.

(e) & (f) : Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(g): Promotion of exports of agricultural products is an ongoing process. To promote agricultural exports, the Government has taken several steps at State/ District levels. State specific Action Plans, State Level Monitoring Committees (SLMCs), Nodal Agencies for agricultural exports and Cluster Level Committees have been formed in a number of States. Country and product-specific action plans have also been formulated to promote exports.

A Farmer Connect Portal has been set up by APEDA for providing a platform for farmers, Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs) and cooperatives to interact with exporters. Buyer-seller Meets (BSMs) have been organized in the clusters to provide export-market linkages. Regular interactions, through videoconferences, have been held with the Indian Missions abroad, to assess and exploit export opportunities. Country specific BSMs, through Indian Missions, have also been organized.

The Government has also introduced a Central Sector Scheme –‘Transport and Marketing Assistance for Specified Agriculture Products’ – for providing assistance for the international component of freight, to mitigate the freight disadvantage for the export of agriculture products.

The Department of Commerce provides assistance through several other schemes, to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) etc. In addition, assistance to the exporters of agricultural products is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board and Spices Board.

ANNEXURE**Annexure referred in Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 35**

INDIA'S EXPORT OF RICE													
Qty. in Lakh MT; Value in USD Million													
		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
10061010	RICE IN HUSK OF SEED QLTY	0.14	28.36	0.15	28.65	0.17	25.48	0.18	33.93	0.28	33.35	0.28	43.77
10061090	OTHR RICE IN HUSK	0.99	24.66	1.54	37.05	1.76	43.54	2.38	61.51	2.39	59.51	6.01	140.22
10062000	HUSKED (BROWN) RICE	0.19	11.04	0.10	5.88	0.08	5.10	0.10	6.50	0.14	4.38	0.46	19.88
10063010	RICE PARBOILED	34.42	1283.37	38.99	1456.52	43.26	1813.03	37.62	1510.95	31.29	1215.15	61.75	2365.19
10063020	BASMATI RICE	40.46	3477.98	39.85	3208.60	40.57	4169.56	44.15	4712.44	44.55	4372.00	46.30	4018.41
10063090	RICE EXCPTG PARBOILED (EXCL BASMATI RICE)	17.56	711.63	17.67	736.96	30.92	1370.26	23.98	1055.68	13.76	636.37	42.34	1646.06
10064000	BROKEN RICE	11.34	309.59	9.26	260.14	12.00	379.19	12.22	369.58	2.70	82.48	20.65	595.69
	TOTAL	105.10	5846.62	107.56	5733.79	128.75	7806.15	120.63	7750.61	95.11	6403.24	177.79	8829.21

Source: DGCI&S
