

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1612
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY, 2022

EXPORT OF RICE

1612. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY

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

- (a) the reasons for non-basmati rice holding major amount of rice exports to other countries from India;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to incentivise the non-basmati rice sales within the country; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote the same?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Basmati rice is a premium GI-tagged product with limited production base, confined to the Indo-Gangetic plains. Due to its high price, basmati rice is a niche product in the international market. As all the other varieties of rice produced in India are categorized as non-Basmati rice, their exports account for a major share of total exports of rice from India. Over the past two years, the exports of non-Basmati rice have increased substantially due to increased demand in the international market and competitive price of Indian rice.
- (b) & (c): Non-basmati rice is used as staple diet by a large share of population and already has a large consumption base in India.
