

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5273
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2026

RISING BEEF EXPORTS AGAINST CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has emerged among the top beef-exporting countries globally;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that large-scale beef exports run contrary to the sentiments of the majority population, for whom cattle hold sacred and cultural value;
- (c) the details of the total quantity and value of beef exports during the last ten years, yearwise and the reasons for allowing such expansion despite these sensitivities; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes any corrective measures to align trade policy with the sentiments of the people and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d) As per Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)'s Foreign Trade Policy(FTP), the export of beef (meat of cow, oxen, calf) is prohibited and is not permitted to be exported from India.
