

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2015

BAN ON IMPORT OF RICE AND WHEAT

2361. SHRI OM BIRLA:

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

- whether some countries have imposed a ban on the import of rice and wheat produced in India during the last five years;
- if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- whether any of these countries have lifted the ban; and
- if so, the details thereof and the fall in the demand of rice and wheat exports during the said period?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)(स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b) All importing countries of agro and food products have concerns relating to human, animal and plant health and hygiene and safety of food consumed by its citizens. As a measure of protection, importing countries often resort to rejections of individual consignments or temporary restrictions on imports of specific commodities for non-compliance with their prescribed norms/safety standards/rules/regulations. Normally, bans are resorted to only when there are repeated violations of the safety norms or there are serious concerns to the health of humans, animals or plants. At present, there is no instance of a formal country-specific ban on import of rice and wheat from India.

(c & d) Does not arise in view of (a) above. The data on export of rice and wheat during the last 5 years and the current year is as under:

Quantity in lakh MT; Value in USD Millions

Product Name	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Basmati Rice	23.30	2493.89	31.69	3216.99	34.60	3564.04	37.54	4864.89	36.99	4516.28
Non-Basmati Rice	1.01	50.86	39.92	1723.38	66.88	2651.97	71.36	2925.16	82.78	3336.84
Wheat	0.00	0.15	7.50	202.06	65.15	1934.24	55.72	1569.08	29.24	828.75

Source: DGCI&S
