

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2437
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2015

BAN ON EXPORT OF FOOD PRODUCTS

2437. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

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

- a) whether the Government has imposed any restrictions/ban on the export of food items such as pulses and fruits in view of their scarcity and steep rise in their prices in the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether there is any proposal to revise the minimum support prices of the said items; and
- d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) Export of pulses was initially prohibited for a period of six months on 27th June, 2006 which was extended from time to time and the prohibition on export of Pulses (except Kabuli Chana and 10,000 tonnes of organic pulses) is still continuing. Government has not imposed any restriction/ ban on export of fruits. However, onion being sensitive product, its export is made subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) announced by the Government from time to time. There is a ban on export of edible oils, however, following exemptions have been granted from the ban :

- (a) Castor oil
- (b) Coconut oil from all EDI Ports and through notified Land Custom Stations

- (c) Deemed export of edible oils(as input raw material) from DTA to 100% EOUs for production of non-edible goods to be exported
- (d) Edible oils from Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to be consumed by SEZ units for manufacture of processed food products, subject to applicable value addition norms.
- (e) Edible oils produced out of minor forest produce, ITC(HS) Code 15159010, 15159020, 15159030, 15159040, 15179010 and 15219020.
- (f) Organic edible oils
- (g) Rice Bran Oil
- (h) Export of edible oils in branded consumer packs of upto 5 Kgs with a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 900 per MT.

(c) & (d) The Minimum Support Prices of Kharif and Rabi pulses revised during the last three years are as follows:

			MSP(Rs./Quintal)		

*Rs.200/quintal bonus included
@Rs. 75/quintal bonus included
