

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3619
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2015

EXPORT OF ONION

3619(H). SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

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

- a) the total quantity and value of onion exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of onion exports on its price in the domestic market;
- c) if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy for export of onions; and
- e) if so, the details and the salient features thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The total quantity and value of onion exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise (top five) is given below:

Qty.in MT/Value in US\$

country	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(Apr to Sep)*	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
BANGLADESH	490126.97	80.41	409377.74	146.67	456734.50	127.71	113082.13	47.32
MALAYSIA	335266.91	90.43	240570.60	105.43	215194.39	67.96	100375.16	41.21
SRI LANKA	149394.34	37.69	176765.71	65.02	131646.45	42.28	81171.87	29.66
UAE	211831.86	43.85	172354.81	54.93	131677.77	40.55	71891.99	22.66
NEPAL	17421.98	7.29	21878.45	10.96	71086.51	22.88	31832.56	11.40
Other Countries	415329.43	102.76	387008.80	146.51	232476.89	75.31	101674.25	35.97
TOTAL	1619371.49	362.43	1407956.11	529.51	1238816.50	376.69	500027.96	188.22

Source: DGCI&S/ * Provisional.

- (b) & (c) Prices of any agricultural products depends on various factors like domestic and international demand and supply situation, global stock position, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded, price competitiveness and food inflation, Minimum Support Price, overall inflation in economy etc. There is

an Inter-Ministerial Committee which takes stock of the arrival of onion and modal prices prevailing in the important production and consumption centres and takes appropriate decision of calibrating export through Minimum Export Price (MEP) on onion from time to time.

(d) & (e) Export of onion is permitted subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) notified by DGFT and other conditions laid down by the Government from time - to - time.
