

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2540
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

EXPORT OF ONION

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Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has lifted the ban on onion exports but imposed 40% duty on top of \$550 per tonne and if so, whether the move has benefitted the farmers of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government has any statistics regarding production and consumption of onion in the country and if so, the details of production and consumption of onion during each of the last three years, State-wise especially Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the import and export of onion is taking place in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of import and export of onion during the said period, country-wise and price-wise;
- (e) whether there is any income generated through import and export of onion; and
- (f) if so, the details of such income generation during the last three years, year and country-wise?

ANSWER

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(a) to (f) : Government has lifted the onion prohibition from 4th May, 2024 and allowed the export with minimum export price of (MEP) of USD 550 per MT and export duty of 40%. Till 31st July, 2024, a total quantity of 2.60 lakh tons of onion had been exported in current financial year 2024-25. Further, the Government had procured 4.68 lakh tons, majorly from Maharashtra, through NCCF and NAFED for the price stabilisation buffer. In comparison with last year (2023), the price realisation by onion farmers in current year has been much higher. The average monthly mandi modal prices of onion in Maharashtra between April and July, 2024 were in the range of Rs.1,230 to Rs.2,578 per quintal as against Rs.693 to Rs.1,205 per quintal for corresponding period last year (2023). The average procurement price of onion for the buffer in current year was Rs.2,833 per quintal which is 64% higher than the procurement price of Rs.1,724 per quintal last year.

India is a net exporter of onion and earns income from the export. The net export value earned by India for each of the last three years were Rs.3,326.99 crore in 2021-22, Rs.4,525.91 crore in 2022-23 and Rs.3,513.22 crore in 2023-24.

Statistics regarding State-wise production of onion during each of the last three years and annual household consumption of onion calculated from the report of Household Consumption Survey, 2022-23 of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) are given at **Annexure-I**.

Details of country-wise export and import of onion during last three years are given at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2540 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING EXPORT OF ONION.

State-wise Production of Onion during each of the last three years (2021-22 to 2023-24) and annual household consumption 2022-23 in Lakh Metric Tons.

States	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	Annual Household Consumption 2022-23*
Andhra Pradesh	5.13	9.56	7.23	7.64
Bihar	13.88	13.44	13.75	20.88
Chhattisgarh	3.80	3.93	3.88	3.89
Gujarat	20.57	20.47	25.55	10.55
Haryana	5.41	5.38	5.14	5.82
Karnataka	16.38	26.65	27.80	9.79
Madhya Pradesh	41.66	52.62	47.41	10.87
Maharashtra	86.02	120.33	136.69	17.13
Odisha	3.69	3.69	3.69	6.37
Punjab	2.67	2.49	2.45	5.60
Rajasthan	16.31	16.15	14.48	9.29
Tamil Nadu	4.38	5.25	6.08	14.32
Telangana	1.00	1.29	1.77	3.37
Uttar Pradesh	5.77	5.11	5.09	27.64
West Bengal	8.85	8.92	8.96	14.23
NCT Delhi	0	0	0	2.52
Others	6.62	6.79	6.92	23.71
All India	242.12	302.08	316.87	193.61

Sources: Onion production is from Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare;

* Annual Household Consumption is calculated from the Report of Household Consumption Survey, 2022-23 of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2540 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING EXPORT OF ONION.**Country-wise export of Onion by India in Lakh Metric Tons**

Country	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
BANGLADESH PR	6.59	6.71	7.24
SRI LANKA DSR	1.63	2.71	1.7
MALAYSIA	1.7	3.93	1.67
U ARAB EMTS	1.23	4.03	1.55
NEPAL	1.68	1.76	0.81
INDONESIA	0.38	1.17	0.47
VIETNAM SOC REP	0.18	0.76	0.47
QATAR	0.33	0.8	0.34
OMAN	0.15	0.62	0.28
KUWAIT	0.24	0.45	0.28
OTHERS	1.27	2.13	1.27
TOTAL	15.39	25.27	16.07

Country-wise import of Onion by India in Metric Tons

Country	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
AFGHANISTAN	23,727.16	0	20,088.45
EGYPT A RP	1,475.10	0	0
IRAN	812	0	428.06
KOREA RP	0.09	0	0
TURKEY	372.69	0	0
U ARAB EMTS	2,125.56	0	0
TOTAL	28,512.60	0	20,516.52

Source: Trade Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
