

Export of onions

6314. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of onion exported during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the name of agency through which exported;

(c) the quantity of onion purchased from each onion-growing State by that agency;

(d) whether it is a fact that onion prices have come down during this season particularly in Gujarat State; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to purchase onion from Gujarat State for export for the benefit of onion-growers; whether Gujarat Government has also requested for that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
(SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN):

(a) Export figures are given in the table below:—

Year	Qty.	FOB
(Financial)	(M/T)	in lac Rs.
1975-76	1,11,998	1384.60
1976-77	1,63,533	1885.12
1977-78	56,821	907.35
1978-79	98,078	1388.96
1979-80	87,957	1261.26
1980-81	1,62,574	2597.28
up to 15-3-1981)		

(b) Export is regulated through NAFED.

(c) The information is given in the table below:—

Year	Maharashtra	Gujarat	Total
(July-June)			
1976-77	35,672	—	35,672
1977-78	94,308	1,748	96,056
1978-79	89,451	14,993	1,13,444
1979-80	1,89,000	15,510	2,04,510
(1-7-80 to 1-10-80)	23,332	—	84,532
(1-11-80 to 18-3-81)	61,200	—	—

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) NAFED may purchase exportable varieties of onions from Gujarat on a commercial basis.

Growth rate of tourist traffic in India

6316. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth rate of tourist traffic in India during the last three years, year-wise and how does it compare with other leading countries in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that rules are not observed in the functioning of the Department in regard to posting transfer and selection of projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures proposed to bring efficiency in promotion of tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The growth rate of tourist traffic in India during the last 3 years was as follows:—

Year	Growth Rate (%)
1978	16.8
1979	2.2
1980	4.6