

Regarding issues pertaining to onion growers

SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE (DINDORI): In my Lok Sabha Constituency, [Dindori](#), the main and prominent crop is Onion. In the entire Nashik District, the farmers had a bumper production of onions. The States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh have a 30-40% more production this year. So, the price of onion is going down day by day. In Dubai and Gulf countries, the onions from Pakistan are available at cheaper rate, so the demand for Indian onion is very less in Gulf market. This is a serious crisis for onion producing farmers.

In my constituency, at Lasalgaon APMC, the average rate for onion on 12/12/2024 was around Rs. 3500 per quintal, but today it is around Rs 1500 per quintal as on 16/12/2024. If the MSP for onion keeps on decreasing day by day, the farmers would not get even the production cost. So, through you madam, I would like to request the Union Government to reduce the Export Duty for onions from 20% to zero. Kindly look into it to do justice to the farmers.

Thank you.