

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:830
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2003
EXPORT OF RICE
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries to which rice and wheat are being exported at present;
- (b) the quantum and value of wheat and rice exported during each of the last three years till date, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have a proposal to increase the quota of rice and wheat for exporters from the current financial year;
- (d) if so, the quantum of wheat and rice proposed to be exported during the current year and to which countries alongwith their rates;
- (e) the steps being taken to further increase the export of rice and wheat from the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Indian exports are not rejected by the importers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S L MAHARIA)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): Several promotional measures have been taken by the Government to boost export of foodgrains from the Central Pool. The procedure has been simplified and an empowered Standing Committee on Exports is meeting regularly to take expeditious decisions.

In order to offer a stable price regime, the Government is fixing the offer price of export of wheat and rice from the Central Pool for a period of 3 months, with an additional month given for lifting of stocks. Various measures have been taken to improve the export competitiveness through improvements in handling, packaging, storage capabilities and transportation of foodgrains.

There are no quantitative restrictions except that the Central Pool stocks should not be lower than the buffer stocking norms.

Quantum and value of Wheat and Rice exported in last three years is at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.830 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(Quantity `000 tonnes)
(Value: Rs.Crores)
(PROVISIONAL)

Commodity April 2000 - April 2001 - April 2002 -
March 2001 March 2002 March 2003
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

Rice Basmati	849.02	2154.94	667.07	1842.77	594.87	1729.54
Rice (Other than Basmati)	682.27	777.26	1541.49	1331.37	4076.35	3634.08
Wheat	813.49	415.09	2649.38	1330.21	3570.90	1700.18

Source: Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, Kolkata.