

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

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS

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

- (a) the target of export of wheat and rice achieved for 2001-02 and 2002-03 and foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) whether the Union Government have earmarked any target for the export of foodgrains for the year 2003-04;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, foodgrain-wise;
- (d) the quantity of foodgrains exported by NAFED during the last three years alongwith varieties and rate;
- (e) whether private traders and cooperative institutions have also exported such foodgrains after obtaining NOC from NAFED;
- (f) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that gross irregularities are committed in obtaining No Objection Certificate and enquiry made thereinto; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)&(c): The Government have not fixed any quantitative targets for export of foodgrains from the Central Pool. The quantity and value of wheat and rice exported during 2001-02 and 2002-03, as per figures furnished by Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, is at Annexure.

The foreign exchange earned by the country in terms of US Dollars would depend upon the rates contracted by the exporters. The actual remittances received in the country would be higher than the value paid by the exporters to the FCI for purchasing the stocks.

(d): National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) has reported that 1.24 lakh MTs, 0.76 lakh MTs and 0.05 lakh MTs of wheat amounting to Rs.56.81 crore, Rs.37.49 crore and Rs.5.34 crore have been exported during the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively. Similarly, 1.27 lakh MTs, 2.49 lakh MTs and 0.13 lakh MTs of rice amounting to Rs.84.17 crore, Rs.169.53 crore and Rs.9.15 crore have been exported during the above periods.

(e)&(g): NAFED has reported that it has exported wheat and rice on its own as well as through Associate Shippers who are Government of India, recognized export houses/trading houses. NAFED has not issued NOC to any private or Cooperative Institutions for the purpose of export of wheat and rice from the Central Pool.

**ANNEXURE**

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

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

Rice Basmati	667.07	1842.77	594.87	1729.54
Rice (Other than Basmati)	1541.49	1331.37	4076.35	3634.08
Wheat	2649.38	1330.21	3570.90	1700.18

