

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF ONION
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of rose onion and other variety of onions exported during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is increase in demand for rose onion from Europe and Asian countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the rose onion export keeping in view the increasing demand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) : The total quantity and value of onion exported during the last three years is as under:

Year Quantity (in Lakh Tonne) Value (in Rs.crores)

2000-01	3.43	276.21
2001-02	4.42	332.42
2002-03		

(Apr.02- Feb.03) 5.07 321.62

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata. The total quantity and value of Bangalore Rose onion as reported by Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing & Export Corporation Limited (KAPPEC), a canalising agency for export of Bangalore Rose Onion, exported during the last three years is as under:

Year Quantity (in Lakh Tonne) Value (in Rs.crores)

2000-01 (July.00- March 01	0.22	38.61
2001-02	0.26	48.34
2002-03	0.23	39.37

Bangalore Rose Onion has not found any market in Europe since it has no demand there. However there is an increase in demand from Asian countries for this variety of onion.

(d)&(e): An Agri Export Zone for Bangalore Rose onion, to provide boost to exports, has been approved. A Memorandum of understanding in this regard was signed on July 1, 2002.