

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

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EXPORT OF OIL CAKE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether millions of tonnes of oil cake/concentrates are exported thereby depriving our livestock and affecting their productivity, causing far greater losses to animal owners;
- (b) if so, whether there is a demand to ban the export of oil cake; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Some representations demanding ban on export of oilcake have been received. However, export of oilcake has declined appreciably in 2002-03 over the previous year, indicating a strengthening of domestic demand. Besides, exports depend on a host of factors, including domestic and international prices. The fact that exports are taking place need not mean deprivation of livestock and loss in their productivity.

(c): Export essentially means providing a larger market permitting larger production and incomes to farmers. There is no proposal therefore to consider a ban on export of oilcakes.