

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:280
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2003
POLICY ON ONION EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy in regard to export of onions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the likely impact of this policy on the price of onions in the country; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue to farmers therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 280 FOR 19-12 REGARDING `POLICY ON ONION EXPORTS`

a) & b) As per extant EXIM Policy, export of onion is free from any quantitative restriction, subject only to canalization through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) and other State Trading Enterprises(STEs). An Inter-Ministerial Review Committee (IMRC) periodically reviews the overall situation in the domestic market.

c) & d) :Export of onion, being a small percentage of total production, is unlikely to have any significant impact on the onion prices in the country. Removal of quantitative restrictions from exports of onion with effect from 9th May 2003 has resulted in steady increase in quantum of exports. This should help farmers in getting a more remunerative price.