

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a new foodgrains export policy;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the policy; and
- (c) the impact of this policy on storage, procurement and public distribution system?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The EXIM policy allows export of foodgrains without any restrictions, by all exporters as per their commercial prudence. In order to promote and facilitate exports from the Central pool stocks, certain Post-delivery expenses to cover upgrading, fumigation, handling, etc., are allowed to the exporters. An Inter Ministerial High Level Committee of the FCI makes suitable recommendations to the Government in this regard.

(c): The existing policy framework is aimed at promoting competition, efficiency and investments in these sectors.