

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

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

- (a) whether the export of rice has declined during the current financial year compared to the previous years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to encourage the export of rice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): As per the figures of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI), the export of rice from the country has declined during 2004-05 as compared to the previous years, as shown below:-

(figures in MTs)

Year	Export
2004-05	31,58,194
2003-04	33,72,235
2002-03	47,86,639

Fresh allocations of rice from the Central Pool for export purposes have been stopped, since August, 2003, due to which there is decline in the export of rice.

(c): The sale of rice and wheat for exports from the Central Pool was started with the primary objective of liquidating huge built up of stocks in the year 2000. As the objective has been met there is no further need to encourage export of rice from the Central Pool.