

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF ONION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to export Onion during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the amount involved and quantity of Onion exported till date and proposed to be exported during the remaining period of this year;
- (c) the estimated yield of Onion this year and the areas under onion cultivation in the country particularly in West Bengal State-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to promote onion cultivation?

**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): During the current financial year 2005-06, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation and other state trading enterprises have exported total quantity of 4.52 lakh metric tonnes of onion valuing at Rs.407 crore. There is no quantitative restriction for export of onion and hence export of onion during the current year depends upon the export demand and availability of export worthy stocks of onion in the market.

(c): The total production of onion is estimated at 60.34 lakh metric tones and the yield of per hectare is 13.27 metric tonnes. The area under onion cultivation in West Bengal is 17,000 hectare, total production estimated to be 1.90 lakh metric tonnes and the yield per hectare 11.18 metric tonnes. State-wise area and production figures for onion for the current year are given in Annexure.

(d): Government has launched National Horticulture Mission from May 2005 for promotion of horticultural crops including onion with a total budget outlay of Rs.2300 crore during Xth Plan.

Annexure-I

Area Production and productivity of onion during 2005-06

State Area Production Productivity  
(thousand (thousand (metric tones  
hectare) metric /hectare)  
tones)

Andhra Pradesh	22.85	197.00	8.93
Bihar	24.05	265.65	11.05
Gujarat	49.23	984.75	20.01
Haryana	13.05	257.00	19.69
Karnataka	41.64	306.60	7.35
Madhya Pradesh	25.50	303.80	11.91
Maharashtra	84.48	1661.00	19.66
Orissa	55.50	473.00	8.52
Rajasthan	26.35	380.60	13.43
Tamil Nadu	24.00	251.10	10.46
Uttar Pradesh	53.65	562.00	10.48
West Bengal	17.00	290.00	11.18
Others	16.10	201.75	12.53
Total	454.00	6034.25	13.27