

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is heavy demand of Indian rice in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the quantity of rice exported during each of the last three years and foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to explore new markets for rice in the world market?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI JAI RAM RAMESH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The quantity of rice exported during the last three years and foreign exchange earned there from are as under:-

(Quantity (Qty.) in tonnes/Value in US\$ million)

Year	Basmati Rice		Non-Basmati Rice	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
2002-03	708793	424.78	4259077	778.53
2003-04	771491	433.74	2640572	473.33
2004-05	1126125	610.27	3645873	867.96

Source: DGCI&S

Country-wise details of exports are available in the Foreign Trade Statistics of India compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata.

- (c) The steps being taken by the Government to explore new markets for export of rice include providing assistance to Indian exporters for undertaking publicity campaigns, mounting trade delegations abroad, participation in International fairs, buyer-seller meets and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products, conducting market surveys and reimbursement of certain WTO admissible costs on account of marketing and transportation.