

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF MEAT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of meat exported during each of the last two years and thereafter alongwith the names of the countries and foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) whether the export of meat has decreased due to recent bird flu;
- (c) whether any country has refused to import meat from India;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely loss of foreign exchange as a result thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the Indian meat industry in the international market?

Answer

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

(a) : The quantity and value of meat and poultry products exported during the last two years are as below:

	Quantity in MTs ;		Value in Rs.Crores			
Product	2003-04	2004-05	April2005-Nov.2005			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Meat & meat product	370467	1654.79	319760	1696.52	183280	1492.45

Source :DGC&S, Kolkata

Country-wise data on export of meat and poultry products is available in the publication of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGC&S).

(b, c & d) : No impact on export of meat and meat products. However, the recent outbreak of bird flu in some parts of the country is likely to effect our poultry meat export. USA, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia have banned poultry meat from India. Japan has also suspended import of poultry meat from India. It is difficult to assess the loss of foreign exchange on account of such a ban at this stage.

(e) : The steps taken by the Government to increase export of poultry products include specification of standards, monitoring of pesticide residues, financial assistance to exporters for developmental and export promotional activities, development of infrastructure / export promotion marketing assistance etc. Further, following steps have been taken to contain the bird flu:

Culling and Stamping out all domestic poultry within a radius of 3-4 kms of the affected area followed by thorough disinfection of premises.

Vaccination of all poultry with in a zone of approx. 6-7 km around the zone of culling/ stamping out.

Movement control within the infected zone

Surveillance has been intensified around the infected area as well as in the entire country

Rapid response teams, both from veterinary and public health authorities, are in place.