

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2565
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FLUCTUATION IN EXPORT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for sharp fluctuations in the exports of rice, particularly non-basmati rice in the recent past;
- (b) whether the credibility of the country as a major rice exporter have suffered as a result of erratic supply;
- (c) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government; and
- (d) the targets for export of rice both basmati and non-basmati varieties in terms of quantity and value?

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): As fresh commitment for exports has been stopped with effect from 11.08.2003 because of liquidation of surplus stock, exports of non-basmati rice from Central Pool has come down during recent months, as compared to high level of exports in previous years.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): There are no quantitative restrictions on export of rice, neither are targets fixed for the same.