

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to export potatoes to Arab Countries including Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the value of the potatoes exported during 2004-05 and thereafter alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give incentive or promote potato exporter States;
- (d) is so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government does not export potatoes. Potato is already being exported to Arab countries and also to Pakistan by the exporters engaged in export of agri produce. The value of exports is given below.

(Value in Rupees)

Country	Value	
	2004-05	2005-06
Pakistan	954088	820142
Qatar	11741	-
Saudi Arabia	254453	-
United Arab Emirates	476402	21017
Oman	-	34484
Others	282187831	130278169

(Source: APEDA) Provisional

(c) & (d) The initiatives taken by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority to promote export of potato and also other fruits and vegetables include financial incentives to exporters through its schemes for Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development, Research and Development and Transport Assistance. Agri Export Zones to promote export of potato have been set up in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and West Bengal.

(e) Does not arise.