

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

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IMPORT/ EXPORT OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and the rate at which wheat, sugar, pulses and edible oils were imported/exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (b) the reasons for exporting of the commodities which were scarce in the country;
- (c) whether these commodities were later imported at higher price during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of imports and exports are given at Appendix-I and Appendix-II respectively.
- (b) The Foreign Trade Policy is formulated after deliberations and discussions with the Administrative Departments concerned. Steps are taken to temporarily restrict export of essential commodities, depending upon the need.
- (c) & (d) Pricing decisions are taken based on commercial considerations, by the Entities concerned.