

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

- (a) the target fixed for export of onion during the current year;
- (b) whether the farmers are getting remunerative prices of onion;
- (c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a permanent Export Policy for onion; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be formulated?

Answer

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

- a) No targets are fixed for export of Onion
- b) & c) The prices that farmers get for onions depend on the prevailing market conditions. As and when there is a depression in the prices, the government intervenes for stabilizing the prices. In the recent instance, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) procured 55525 quintals of onion during the months of April-June 2006 which included purchases made on fixed price of Rs.300/- per quintal against the different ruling market prices which prevailed on the day of purchase so that the farmers could get remunerative prices of their produce.
- d) No, Sir.
- e) Does not arise.