

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

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EXPORT OF BASMATI RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is far ahead in the export of basmati rice in comparison with other countries;
- (b) if so, the details of quantity/value of production alongwith the quantity of basmati rice exported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has recently notified the super basmati variety rice for export;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to further boost the production and export of basmati rice?

Answer

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

- a) : India and Pakistan are the only Basmati producing countries. India is ahead of Pakistan in exporting Basmati rice.
- b): The production details of Rice including Basmati rice for the last three years is as under:

Year	Production In MTs
2003-04	88.53
2004-05	83.13
2005-06	91.04

4th Advance
Estimates

Source: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.
The quantity of Basmati rice exported during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity In Lakh MTs
2003-04	7.71
2004-05	11.63
2005-06	11.67

Source:DGCI&S,
Kolkata

c & d) : Yes, Sir. Super Basmati has been notified as a variety for export vide notification dated 24th May 2006.

e): Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

(APEDA) promotes export of Basmati rice through various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to the exporters for market development, infrastructure development, quality development, research and development and transportation. The Efforts are constantly being made for opening up of new markets. APEDA has also set up a dedicated DNA testing laboratory at the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad. Three Agri Export Zones for Basmati rice have also been set up in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Punjab for overall development of the Basmati supply and value chain.