

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:104
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PRODUCTION OF ONION IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of onion produced in Rajasthan this year;
- (b) whether the Union Government has made arrangement to purchase this crop; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith quantity on onion purchased?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The production of onion in Rajasthan State during 2003-04 was 3,83,203 Metric tonnes

(MTs).

(b): Yes, Sir. The proposal of Government of Rajasthan for procurement of onion under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for the crop season 2004 has been approved by the Government of India.

(c): A Quantity of 5000 MTs of onion will be procured under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) out of which 2500 MTs will be procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and remaining 2500 MTs will be procured by the state agencies. Till 28.6.2004, Rajasthan State Cooperative Marketing Federation

(RAJFED), the State Agency, had procured a quantity of 624 MTs in 14 centres. Further purchases under the Scheme are in progress.