

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether India is the largest exporter of rice in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken by the Government to maintain this position;
- (c) whether the Government provides incentives to the farmers for promoting the export of agricultural products from the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the incentive being provided to the farmers and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a-b) Yes Madam. According to International Grain Council, India has become the largest exporter of rice by exporting 96 lakh MT of rice during 2011-12(Nov.-Oct) by replacing Thailand which exported 65 lakh MT of rice during the same period. The government has decided to continue the unrestricted export of non-basmati rice. APEDA, an autonomous body under Department of Commerce, participates in international fairs/exhibitions for promotion of various agro products including basmati rice. In addition, in order to boost exports, the Government provides various incentives for infrastructure development, quality control, market development and incentive for promotion, packaging, publicity, information dissemination, etc.

(c-d) The Government had launched a Centrally sponsored scheme on 'National Food Security Mission' (NFSM) from Rabi crop season, 2007-08 which includes NFSM-Rice as one of the three major components. The aim of the NFSM was to increase production of rice and enhance farm level economy to restore confidence of farmers indulging in rice, wheat and pulses production. In addition, Government provides financial subsidy to farmers for purchase of various agricultural and horticultural tools and equipment under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY), National Horticulture Mission(NHM) and Macro Management of Agriculture(MMA). Government has also increased the Minimum Support Price for various agricultural products including rice to incentivize the farmers for production of agricultural products.