

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

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

- (a) the quantum and value of potato exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (b) whether there is a decline in export of potato during the said period and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impose any restriction/ban on its export in view of its rising price in the domestic market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) The quantum and value of potato exported during the last three years, country -wise are given below. Data for current year is not available.

Qty in MT/		Value in Rs. Crore	
2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	
Qty	Value	Qty	Value
NEPAL	148513.21	105.65	137157.50
SRI LANKA	25028.49	50.81	12533.38
RUSSIA	9826.07	18.22	916.00
KUWAIT	6228.60	13.27	145.70
MAURITIUS	6160.00	14.80	2492.26
Others	26903.82	51.93	11784.98
Total	222660.19	254.68	165029.82

Source: DGC&S

There has been no import of potato during these years including current year.

- (b) No, Madam. There has been no decline in export of potatoes in rupee terms. While there was an export of Rs.139.47 crores in 2011-12, in 2012-13 there was an export of Rs.152.03 crores. In 2013-14, there was an export of Rs.254.68 crore of potatoes.

- (c)&(d) With a view to check the rising prices and augment domestic supplies of potatoes, the Government has already notified Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 450 PMT FOB since 26th June, 2014