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State with maximum productivity	Punjab (3828 kg./ha.)	Punjab (4507 kg./ha.)	Kerala (1354 kg./ha.)	Tamil Nadu (2109 kg./ha.)
State with minimum productivity	Bihar (1090 kg./ha.)	Karnataka (965 kg./ha.)	Tamil Nadu (407 kg./ha.)	Jharkhand (488 kg./ha.)

Export of onion

†2658. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had imposed a ban on the export of onion in the last month to check its increasing price in the country;
- (b) if so, when this was imposed;
- (c) whether this ban had to be lifted in a few days due to the protest by certain people; and
- (d) if so, when this ban was lifted and the names of the prominent people who advocated to lift this ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (d) Ban on onion export, last imposed on 9th September, 2011, was lifted on 20th September, 2011 after taking into account all relevant factors including price movement, protests from farmers of Maharashtra and representations received.

Withdrawal of bonus on MSP of paddy

2659. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had announced bonus on MSP of paddy during current crop season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has now decided to withdraw bonus on MSP of paddy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for withdrawal of bonus on paddy;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.