

Reducing MEP of non-basmati rice to boost export

3117. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the permitted export of non-basmati rice, 100000 tonnes of sona masuri, ponni and other varieties of rice have been exported this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it is also a fact that the main reasons for languishing exports is the high minimum export price at around Rs.38000 per tonne;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal with Government to reduce the Minimum Export Price (MEP) of non-basmati rice to boost export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The EGOM in its meeting held on 9.2.2011 permitted the export of 1,00,000 MTs of Sona Masuri (from Chennai & Vishakhapatnam port), 25,000 MTs of Ponni Samba (from Tuticorin port) and 25,000 MTs of Matta rice (from Kochin port) which was notified through notification no. 21 dated 10.2.2011 and Public Notice No. 36 of 1.3.2011. A Minimum Export Price (MEP) of USD 850 per MT (PMT) for such exports was notified through Public Notice No. 37 dated 08.03.2011 and Public Notice No. 44 of 31.03.2011. During April, 2011 to July, 2011, 1.10 lakh tonnes of non-basmati rice has been exported. However, to remain price competitive in the international markets, the MEP of USD 850 was reduced to USD 600 PMT through Public Notice No. 72 dated 12.08.2011.

(c) and (d) The EGOM, in its meeting held on 8.9.2011, permitted the export of non-basmati rice through all Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) ports only to be effected by the private parties out of privately held stocks without any explicit quantitative restriction or MEP.

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.