

promotion councils and Board of Trade. Subsequently, Government has notified 153 hitech products on 10.7.2013. Government has also announced to enhance the rate of Interest Subvention from 2% to 3 % with effect from 1.8.2013.

Export of wheat

634. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of wheat produced and exported during the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
- (b) the rates at which wheat was exported during these years;
- (c) how these rates compare with those of other major wheat exporting countries;
- (d) whether export of wheat is likely to increase in the year 2013; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN): (a) and (b) The details of production and export of wheat during Calendar year 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 is as under:

Year	Production* (in lakh tons)	Quantity of export (in tons)	Value of export (in Rs.)	Export rate (Rs./Ton)
2010	808	378	67,54,332	17869
2011	868.7	4,99,899	676,81,33,727	13539
2012	948.8	45,54,824	7105,54,89,275	15600
2013 (January to September)	924.6 (4th advance estimates)	57,35,325	9486,10,42,198	16540

(Source: DGCIS, Kolkata/ DAC)* Financial year-wise.

(c) The Indian wheat has fetched weighted average FOB rate of US \$ 312.17 per metric ton in tenders approved between August, 2012 to April, 2013 which is higher than the comparable wheat in international market including that of Australia and Ukraine.

(d) and (e) The quantity of export of wheat during the period of January, 2013 to September, 2013 has already exceeded the quantum of wheat exported during last four calendar years due to surge in demand of Indian wheat in international market as the global production of wheat was less than the global consumption during 2011-12 and 2012-13 as per the International Grains Council report.

Increase in business of luxury items despite economic recession

†635. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite economic recession in the country, business of luxury items has increased continuously in the past years, if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether transaction of this market was to the tune of Rs. 47,127 crores in the year 2012;

(c) if not, the facts thereof and the percentage of growth this business is likely to register in the year 2014; and

(d) how the foreign and domestic luxury brands compare in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN): (a) to (d) There are media reports about the study on 'the Changing Face of Luxury in India' by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and IMRB International, which *inter alia* have made assessment about performance of 'luxury' items and made certain projections for the future. The media report has stated that the study has estimated that the 'luxury' industry in the country is pegged at \$ 7.58 billion or about Rs. 47,127 crore in 2012. However, the Government is not aware of the methodology used for these estimates and the products considered as luxury items by the Study.

The use-based classification of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) disseminated by the Government provides information on 'Basic goods', 'Intermediate goods', 'Capital goods' and 'Consumer goods'. While Consumer goods are further categorised as 'Consumer durables' and 'Consumer non-durables', luxury items are not classified separately.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.