

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th DECEMBER, 2021

EXPORT OF BASMATI RICE

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the export of Basmati rice from the country has decreased considerably in the last five years;
- (b) the reasons for the sharp decline in export of Basmati rice from the country; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken to increase/restore export of Basmati rice from the country and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) India's exports of basmati rice have grown steadily over the past five years in quantity terms. Details are as under:

Quantity in MT				
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
3985210	4056847	4414612	4454771	4630209

Source: DGCI&S

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Promotion of exports of agricultural products like Basmati rice is a continuous process. To promote agricultural exports, including Basmati rice, the Government has introduced a comprehensive Agriculture Export Policy, which is under implementation in collaboration with the States/ UTs. The Department of Commerce also implements several other schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme etc.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has the mandate to promote export of Basmati rice. APEDA has been able to register Basmati rice as a Geographical Indication (GI) in February 2016. APEDA, in collaboration with the trade, has also established Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF), which undertakes various activities for development and export promotion of Basmati rice. Moreover, APEDA also provides assistance to the Basmati rice exporters under various components of its export promotion scheme.
