

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2020

BAN ON IMPORT OF BASMATI RICE FROM INDIA

3100. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is a major exporter of best quality of Basmati rice in the world;
- (b) if so, the countries who prefer Indian rice for their consumption;
- (c) whether there is any complaint from any of such countries for using of excessive chemicals and fertilizers during its plantation; and
- (d) if so, whether there is any ban on import of Basmati rice from India, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. India is the largest exporter of Basmati rice in the world.
- (b) Details of top importers of Basmati rice from India are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) All exports of basmati rice from India have to conform to the quality, sanitary and phyto-sanitary standards of the importing countries. Non-compliance with these standards results in rejection of individual consignments and such cases are reported by the importing countries to the regulatory authorities of India.
- (d) No country has imposed a ban on import of Basmati rice from India.

India's Export of Basmati Rice

Qty. in MT; Value in Million USD

COUNTRY	2018-19	
	Quantity	Value
IRAN	1483697	1556.17
SAUDI ARAB	867741	938.91
IRAQ	385732	399.43
KUWAIT	154745	177.11
YEMEN REPubLC	201926	209.95
U ARAB EMTS	282375	297.62
U S A	135605	168.74
U K	111924	106.08
OMAN	87832	96.61
JORDAN	49171	52.57
QATAR	73569	76.08
CANADA	44806	53.46
AUSTRALIA	37337	46.67
NETHERLAND	39221	38.97
ISRAEL	40455	46.11
OTHERS	418476	447.97
TOTAL	4414612	4712.44

Source: DGCI&S
