

Centre allows export of 2 lakh tonnes of white rice to Malaysia under G2G route

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The government has permitted the export of 2 lakh tonnes (lt) of non-Basmati white rice to Malaysia under government-to-government (G2G) agreement, taking the total approval to 2.04 lt so far this fiscal.

The latest approval stipulated the shipments to be carried out through the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL).

DOMESTIC PRICES

India had banned the export of non-basmati white and broken rice and imposed 20 per cent duty on shipments of parboiled non-Basmati rice in 2023 to check domestic prices.

However, permits have



BIG DROP. Non-Basmati rice exports dropped to 19,35,045 tonnes in April-May this fiscal from 28,46,216 tonnes a year ago

been granted from time to time to allow the export of white rice through the NCEL based on diplomatic requests of friendly countries to meet their food security needs.

Exports of 2,00,000 tonnes of non-Basmati white rice has been allowed to

Malaysia through NCEL, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification on August 19.

SALES OF FCI STOCK

In April, the DGFT had allowed the export of 1,000 tonnes of Kala Namak rice (a GI type grown in Uttar Pra-

desh) by asking the State government to issue the permit.

It also allowed 1,000 tonnes to be exported to Malawi and Zimbabwe in June and to Namibia in July.

Last year, exports of some quantities of white non-Basmati were allowed to countries like Nepal, Cameroon, Cote D' Ivore, Guinea, Malaysia, the UAE, Philippines and Seychelles.

Recently, the government resumed sale of rice from the stock held by the Food Corporation of India through a weekly e-auction.

However, the offtake is very less at about 5,000 tonnes, sources said.

Exporters said the government should lift the ban on export of white rice and, if required, it could fix a minimum export price (MEP).