

High Commission of India
Maldives

5 April 2024

Upon the request of the Government of Maldives, the Government of India has allowed for export of certain quantities of essential commodities for the year 2024-25 under a unique bilateral mechanism, wherein, the quotas for each of these items have been revised upwards. The approved quantities are the highest since this arrangement came into effect in 1981.

2. The quota for river sand and stone aggregates, crucial items for the booming construction industry in the Maldives, have been increased by 25% to 1,000,000 MT. There has also been an increase of 5% in the quotas for eggs, potatoes, onions, sugar, rice, wheat flour and dal (pulses).

3. Last year as well, India continued export of rice, sugar and onions to the Maldives in spite of a worldwide ban on export of these items from India. India remains strongly committed to supporting human centric development in the Maldives, as part of its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

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Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Foreign Trade
Vanijya Bhawan

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New Delhi, 5th April, 2024

Subject: Supply of essential commodities to the Republic of Maldives during 2024-25.

S.O.(E) In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 (No.22 of 1992), as amended, read with paragraph 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023, the Central Government hereby allows export of the following quantities of Eggs, Potatoes, Onions, Rice, Wheat Flour, Sugar, Dal, Stone Aggregate and River Sand to the Republic of Maldives during 2024-25, under bilateral trade agreement between Government of India and Government of Maldives :-

S. No.	Commodity	Unit	Quantity to be allowed for FY 2024-25
1.	Eggs	Nos.	427,536,904.20
2.	Potatoes	MT	21,513.08
3.	Onions	MT	35,749.13
4.	Rice	MT	124,218.36
5.	Wheat Flour	MT	109,162.96
6.	Sugar	MT	64,494.33
7.	Dal	MT	224.48
8.	Stone Aggregate	MT	1,000,000.00
9.	River Sand	MT	1,000,000.00

2. Export of the above items to the Republic of Maldives shall be exempted from any existing or future restriction/prohibition during 2024-25.

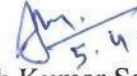
3. For the export of above quantity of River Sand and Stone Aggregate, CAPEXIL shall ensure that the suppliers/extractors have obtained appropriate clearances and mining of the sand is not undertaken in the Coastal Regulation Zone Area, which is prohibited under the Coastal Regulation Zone notification.

4. In addition to above, export of River Sand and Stone Aggregate will be allowed subject to the exporter obtaining necessary environmental clearances/No Objection Certificate from the designated nodal authority of respective State Governments from where the River Sand is obtained. This permission will also be subject to any State legislation/judicial orders relating to mining of 'River Sand' and 'Stone Aggregate'.



5. **Effect of this notification:**

Export of Eggs, Potatoes, Onions, Rice, Wheat Flour, Sugar, Dal, Stone Aggregate and River Sand have been permitted to the Republic of Maldives under bilateral trade agreement between Government of India and Government of Maldives during 2024-25 as per the quantities indicated in the Table at Para 1 above. The export of above items to Republic of Maldives will be exempted from any existing or future restriction/prohibition on export.

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