

High Commission of India
Maldives

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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 2025-26 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 30% to 1,300,000 MT. There has also been an increase of 5% in the quotas for eggs, potatoes, onions, sugar, rice, wheat flour with an unprecedented increase of 56% in dal (pulses).

3. In previous years, 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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Subject: Supply of essential commodities to the Republic of Maldives during 2025-26 - reg.

S.O.(E): In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3, read with Section 5 of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, and paragraphs 1.02 and 2.01 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023, as amended from time to time, the Central Government hereby amends Section (L) of the 'General Note to Export Policy' as follows:

1. Export of essential commodities mentioned in Column (2) of the Table-1 below, to the Republic of Maldives, during 2025-26 up to the quantities as mentioned in Column (4) of Table-1 below, is allowed under bilateral trade agreement between Government of India and Government of Maldives: -

Table-1

S. No.	Commodity	Unit	Quantity allowed for FY 2025-26
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i.	Eggs	Nos.	448,913,750
ii.	Potatoes	MT	22,589
iii.	Onions	MT	37,537
iv.	Rice	MT	130,429
v.	Wheat Flour	MT	114,621
vi.	Sugar	MT	67,719
vii.	Dal	MT	350
viii.	Stone Aggregate	MT	1,300,000
ix.	River Sand	MT	1,300,000

2. Export of the given commodities mentioned in Column (2) of Table-1 above, to the Republic of Maldives shall be exempt from any existing or future restrictions/prohibitions during FY 2025-26.



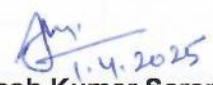
3. Export of essential commodities, mentioned in Column (2) of Table-1 above, falling under the prohibited/restricted category to the Republic of Maldives during 2025–26 shall be permitted only through the following six Customs Stations: -

- i. Mundra Sea port(INMUN1)
- ii. Tuticorin Sea Port (INTUT1)
- iii. Nhava Sheva Sea Port (INNSA1)
- iv. ICD Tughlakabad (INTKD6)
- v. Kandla Sea (INIXY1)
- vi. Visakhapatnam Sea (INVTZ1)

4. For export of the above quantities of River Sand and Stone Aggregate, as mentioned in Column (4) of Table-1 above, CAPEXIL shall ensure that suppliers/extractors have obtained the required environmental clearances and that mining is not conducted in Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) areas, as per the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification.

5. Additionally, export of River Sand and Stone Aggregate shall be permitted only upon obtaining environmental clearances/No Objection Certificates from the designated nodal authorities of the respective State Governments from which the material is sourced. This is also subject to applicable State legislation or judicial orders relating to the mining of these commodities.

Effect of this notification: Export of Eggs, Potatoes, Onions, Rice, Wheat Flour, Sugar, Dal, Stone Aggregate, and River Sand to the Republic of Maldives has been permitted under the bilateral trade agreement between the Governments of India and Maldives for the FY 2025-26, as per the specified quantities. These exports shall remain exempt from any existing or future restrictions or prohibitions during this period. Further, export of items classified under the prohibited or restricted category shall be allowed only through the six designated Customs ports. In the case of River Sand and Stone Aggregate, exports will also be subject to environmental clearances, CRZ norms and compliance with relevant State regulations.


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