

## **India's exports of semi/wholly milled rice on the rise**

India exported USD 7.5 billion worth of semi/wholly milled rice in 2020, growing by about 13 per cent over USD 6.6 billion in 2019. In volume terms, exports increased by over 40 per cent from 9.3 million tonnes in 2019 to 13 million tonnes in 2020.

India was the largest exporter of semi/wholly milled rice to the world in 2019, followed by Thailand, Vietnam, Pakistan, USA and China, among others. India's major export destinations include Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, UAE, Benin, Yemen, Togo, USA, Nepal, Guinea, Kuwait, Cote D' Ivoire, Malaysia, UK, Somalia, Qatar and Oman, among others.

Of the total exports of semi/wholly milled rice, exports of parboiled rice increased by 36 per cent from USD 1.3 billion in 2019 to USD 1.8 billion in 2020, whereas exports of basmati rice declined by 6 per cent from USD 4.6 billion in 2019 to USD 4.3 billion in 2020. Exports of rice excepting parboiled and excluding basmati rice increased by 93 per cent from USD 693 million in 2019 to USD 1.3 billion in 2020.

In terms of volume, exports of parboiled rice increased by 38 per cent from 3.4 million tonnes in 2019 to 4.7 million tonnes in 2020, whereas exports of basmati rice increased by 14 per cent from 4.3 million tonnes in 2019 to 5 million tonnes in 2020. Exports of rice excepting parboiled and excluding basmati rice increased by 123 per cent from 1.5 million tonnes in 2019 to 3.4 million tonnes in 2020.

Although India's exports of semi/wholly milled rice to Iran, one of India's major export destinations, and Kuwait have declined in 2020 over 2019, exports to most other countries have increased, suggesting rising demand for Indian rice in the near future.

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