

'Govt will take a call on rice export curbs in a few weeks'

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The Centre will take a call on the restrictions it has imposed on rice exports after getting a clear picture of rice production and procurement over the next few weeks, Union Minister of Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal, has said.

Referring to the unseasonal heavy rains in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, he said the government was concerned that the inclement weather could impact the rice production. "I am not at all happy about putting an export duty or restraint on any export. In an ideal world, I would like all of you to export more and more. Until



Piyush Goyal,
Union Food Minister PTI

one month ago, we were encouraging more export of rice," he said. India curbed rice exports from September 9 by banning shipments of fully broken rice and imposing a 20 per cent duty on non-basmati white rice.

In the first advance estimate, the Centre has pegged rice production at 104.99 million tonnes(mt) against 111.76 mt a year ago.