

## **BANGLADESH URGES INDIA TO LIFT EXPORT BAN ON ONION**

Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi urged the government of India to lift ban on onion export to neighbouring country.

He said Bangladesh is heavily dependent on India for onion and is now importing from Turkey, Myanmar and Egypt to meet the requirement of onion in the country. “We are short of 6 lakh tonnes of onion annually and India provides 80 percent of this shortage. Presently we are cooking food without Onion.”

Munshi said that India stopped export of onion one and half month back without prior information and this has caused difficulties in Bangladesh.

India banned the export of onions after excessive rainfall damaged the crop in September this year.

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