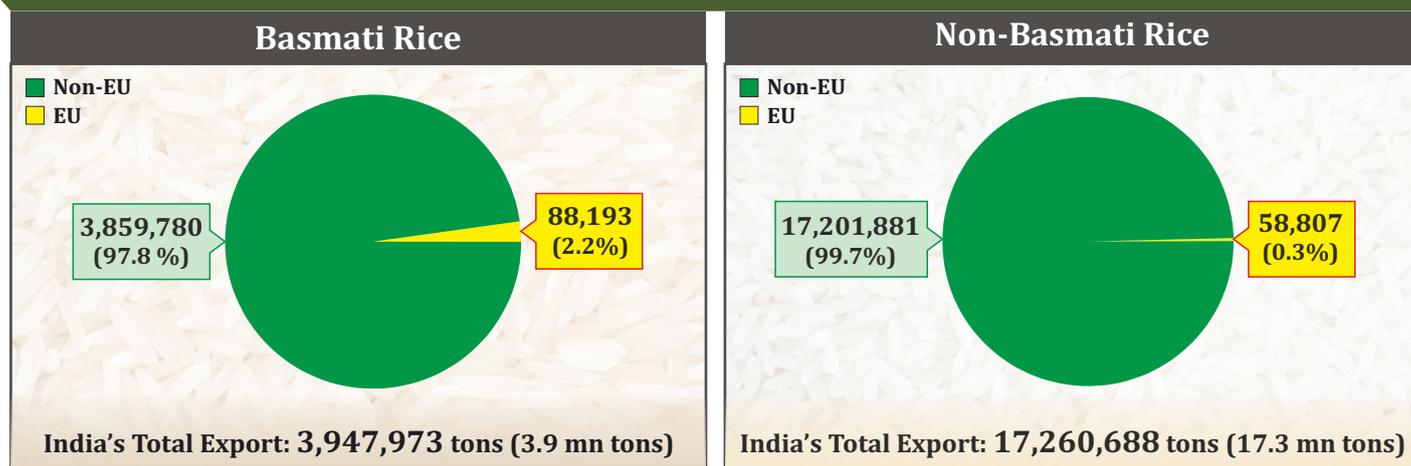


# Analysing India's Rice Exports and share of the EU-27

## Are we missing the forest for the tree?

### EU's Share in India's Rice Export



Source: APEDA (Accessed on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

Year: 2021-22

Unit: Tons

The EU-27 countries have an insignificant share in India's rice export. It is around **2%** for basmati rice and **0.3%** for non-basmati rice.

Rice is not a staple diet in the Europe. The per capita consumption of rice is as low as **6 kgs per year** in the EU (54 kgs is the world average).

For Indian basmati rice, the main buyers are **Iran, Saudi Arab, Iraq, UAE, Yemen**, etc and for non-basmati rice, the main buyers are **China, Benin Bangladesh, Nepal, Senegal**, etc.

About **98%** of India's rice exports go to non-EU markets.

India must stop giving disproportionate attention to the EU-27 and their regulatory diktats as regards pesticide use in India.

As per latest data, the EU uses **5 times** more pesticides than India. The EU uses **3,45,970 tons** as against India's use of **62,193**

Banning or restricting pesticides use in India's rice cultivation based on the EU's diktats would severely impact the total rice production and exports.

We all know what happened in Sri Lanka following the ban on chemical pesticides and fertilizers. The ban turned Sri Lanka into a rice importing country in just 3 months.

**Remember, EU and India do not share identical climate, crops and pests. There cannot be harmonised registration and use of pesticides between the two.**



**Let us not trim the foot to fit the shoes.**



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