

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 697
ANSWERED ON 24/07/2026

IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF IMPORT DUTY STRUCTURE

697. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of the existing import duty structure on coconut, copra and coconut oil on the incomes of domestic coconut farmers;
- (b) whether Government is considering enhancement of import duties, safeguard measures or tariff revisions to protect local producers from price suppression due to imports;
- (c) the details of coconut production, market arrivals, average farm-gate prices and farmer income trends during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken to support coconut growers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations, procurement, value addition, processing, and export promotion to ensure remunerative prices and livelihood security?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SH. JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (b) The Government assesses the domestic production, prices, imports and stakeholder feedback to take necessary measures, including import duties etc, as required, to protect the interest of the producers, consumers and various stakeholders.

(c) The State-wise details of coconut production during the last three years are at Annexure-I. The monthly market arrivals of coconuts at Nagercoil market are at Annexure-II.

(d) The Government fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milling copra and ball copra based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The MSP for mature de-husked coconut is determined by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare based on the MSP for copra.

Procurement under the MSP is undertaken by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) through State Level Agencies (SLAs) identified by the State Governments, whenever market prices fall below the MSP.

The Coconut Development Board (CDB) functions as the Export Promotion Council (EPC) for coconut products (excluding coconut husk and fiber products). It supports export promotion through various schemes, and provides policy inputs to the Government on export and import of coconut and coconut products.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF COCONUT AREA, PRODUCTION & PRODUCTIVITY
DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

State	2023-24			2024-25			2025-26 (Second Est.)		
	Area ('000 Ha)	Production (in million nuts)	Yield (Nuts/Ha)	Area ('000 Ha)	Production (in million nuts)	Yield (Nuts/Ha)	Area ('000 Ha)	Production (in million nuts)	Yield (Nuts/Ha)
Andhra Pradesh	107.37	1707.08	15899	108.48	1735.94	16002	116.37	1859.55	15980
Arunachal Pradesh	0.12	0.13	1109	0.10	0.37	3508	0.04	0.24	6297
Assam	20.19	178.27	8830	22.06	125.68	5696	23.05	131.20	5692
Bihar	10.82	46.42	4292	0.27	1.16	4292	0.27	1.16	4292
Chattisgarh	1.35	9.10	6755	1.35	9.10	6755	1.37	16.23	11840
Gujarat	26.56	246.08	9265	28.20	261.02	9257	28.70	264.05	9200
Karnataka	564.62	6151.00	10894	600.79	5488.40	9135	576.72	4696.50	8143
Kerala	765.84	5522.71	7211	754.00	5149.87	6830	754.75	5238.00	6940
Maharashtra	31.32	262.60	8384	29.22	114.50	3919	27.11	246.21	9082
Mizoram	0.03	0.15	4360	0.03	0.15	4360	0.10	0.43	4316
Nagaland	1.08	9.75	9070	1.06	9.70	9139	1.06	9.70	9139
Odisha	54.95	399.43	7269	55.36	399.47	7216	55.48	409.03	7373
TamilNadu	492.61	6091.98	12367	505.53	6251.94	12367	515.59	6487.83	12583
Telangana	1.26	0.14	110	1.34	10.04	7486	1.41	13.53	9587
Tripura	4.78	19.85	4156	4.98	20.71	4156	4.98	38.09	7643
West Bengal	32.93	421.18	12790	33.63	426.85	12694	34.97	449.11	12841
Others	49.38	307.76	6232	48.51	296.34	6109	48.53	328.51	6769
All India	2165.20	21373.6	9871	2194.9	20301.22	9249	2190.5	20189.36	9217
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Source: Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare ,MoA&FW, Govt of India

Monthly Arrivals of Coconut at Nagercoil market, Tamil Nadu			
	Arrivals in Numbers		
Months	2023	2024	2025
January	8,49,000	8,21,640	9,56,000
February	8,45,850	8,77,300	7,65,000
March	10,74,235	10,94,520	7,93,000
April	8,62,520	8,40,550	8,00,000
May	8,63,140	10,52,730	10,04,000
June	10,82,710	8,75,270	8,03,000
July	8,52,875	8,78,600	7,92,000
August	8,61,095	11,02,300	9,88,000
September	10,89,420	8,63,800	6,68,000
October	8,59,580	8,15,000	7,70,000
November	8,44,215	10,08,000	6,20,000
December	11,16,920	7,92,000	6,85,000
Total	1,12,01,560	1,10,21,710	96,44,000
