

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3115**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

**IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

**3115. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- the details of the agricultural products imported into the country during the last three years and the current year;
- whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the adverse impact of such imports on the domestic growers/producers;
- if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- whether these imports are driving farmers to commit suicide; and
- if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect Indian farmers?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) The values of India's imports of agricultural products during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(in US\$ Billions)

Years	Import value of Agricultural Products including plantation
2013-14	17.0
2014-15	20.0
2015-16	21.6
2016-17 (Apr-Oct)*	12.7

*Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (\* Provisional)*

The details of the agricultural products imported into the country are enclosed at Annexure-I.

- (b) to (e) The Government has not conducted any survey to assess the impact of imports of agricultural products on the domestic growers/producers in the country. As per the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, 'indebtedness' and 'family problems' are the major causes of suicides, accounting for 20.6% and 20.1% respectively of total farmers' suicides during 2014. The other causes of farmers' suicides were 'failure of crop' (16.8%), 'illness' (13.2%) and 'drug abuse/alcoholic addiction' (4.9%).

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## Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 3155 for answer on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

(In US\$ Millions)

Category	UNIT	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Oct)	
		QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
Tea	KGS	22739911	48.54	28390469	63.57	23722240	58.04	14356655	30.79
Coffee	KGS	59940860	120.19	74884576	152.20	65612802	122.59	43899320	73.28
Natural rubber	TON	360266	906.43	442129	818.29	458382	715.12	287886	420.02
<b>Plantation total</b>			<b>1075.15</b>		<b>1034.06</b>		<b>895.75</b>		<b>524.10</b>
<b>Agri. &amp; allied products</b>									
Rice(other than basmati)	TON	1439	1.37	1958	1.77	1021	0.91	639	0.58
Wheat	TON	11272	4.42	29493	9.95	517667	135.45	773867	170.07
Other cereals	TON	22321	16.08	23397	10.03	206144	51.84	122462	29.87
Pulses	TON	3643713	2119.32	4584852	2786.11	5797706	3902.22	2748424	1906.55
Tobacco unmanufactured	KGS	1549350	13.09	1930418	15.90	2883247	20.54	146776	0.95
Tobacco manufactured*			27.85		32.76		29.74		19.82
Spices	KGS	155577426	571.39	163094896	717.78	193437497	823.79	155259072	474.75
Cashew	TON	776334	773.81	933190	1087.16	961665	1339.34	569125	920.75
Cashew nut shell liquid	KGS	379070	0.34	1720396	1.63	1858346	0.87	1523766	0.50
Sesame seeds	KGS	72928096	134.48	34767785	62.67	23597101	27.59	24640014	24.83
Niger seeds	KGS	0	0.00	703000	0.60	5780000	6.76	6970000	8.56
Groundnut	TON	114	0.06	127	0.08	107	0.05	103	0.04
Other oil seeds	TON	54703	27.50	51561	26.59	62505	32.99	54730	28.47
Vegetable oils	TON	10467303	9389.74	12731595	10621.48	15643735	10492.08	8226662	6212.09
Oil meals	TON	126936	33.33	165102	44.71	255014	65.26	342153	92.97
Guergam meal	TON	375	3.66	128	0.95	633	2.07	155	0.18
Castor oil	KGS	68946	0.34	52363	0.30	31759	0.17	73546	0.15
Shellac	KGS	680722	8.01	1770836	9.75	705387	2.99	204721	0.81
Sugar	TON	880956	392.19	1538635	601.17	1943125	612.24	1104847	504.18
Mollases	TON	15065	1.47	60281	4.93	17267	1.16	6689	0.61
Fruits / vegetable seeds	KGS	8294147	74.36	14012277	100.48	14328066	107.57	12854403	66.90
Fresh fruits	TON	769204	1273.46	900984	1565.20	839543	1694.84	544721	921.04
Fresh vegetables	TON	25981	6.66	8244	1.82	140728	59.78	5911	1.03
Processed vegetables	KGS	20289086	28.80	10960189	17.07	15379021	18.40	7461892	9.87
Processed fruits and juices	KGS	31973057	68.28	33552677	81.58	38962498	80.31	24658654	46.32
Cereal preparations	TON	53472	69.15	72717	95.44	61487	87.81	38886	50.56
Cocoa products	KGS	51627345	176.90	65387025	253.58	56424691	212.96	33853408	127.68
Milled products	KGS	3977441	3.64	3465371	2.90	4393656	3.26	2095558	1.47
Misc processed items*			244.48		292.05		277.20		178.36
Animal casings	KGS	220	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Sheep/goat meat	TON	60	0.86	87	1.43	53	0.73	69	0.63
Other meat	TON	361	2.61	469	3.19	498	2.64	317	1.48
Processed meat	TON	388	1.27	165	0.85	71	0.42	81	0.43
Dairy products	KGS	10487312	38.47	43837626	61.49	18233480	56.64	10451278	25.59
Poultry products*			3.89		6.18		4.04		3.26
Florict products	KGS	4308801	18.45	4820190	18.52	4768809	17.43	3184816	12.34
Alcoholic beverages	LTR	114452982	341.27	177683002	408.46	303459276	447.38	265260805	313.74
Ayush and herbal products	KGS	10855329	52.46	23482092	57.58	11668422	54.13	7134563	31.12
<b>Agri. &amp; allied products total</b>			<b>15923.43</b>		<b>19004.14</b>		<b>20673.58</b>		<b>12188.54</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>16998.61</b>		<b>20038.20</b>		<b>21569.33</b>		<b>12712.64</b>

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)

Note: Figures for 2016-17 (Apr to Oct) is provisional.

\*Quantity Figures are not given as units are not additive.