

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2780
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2017

IMPORT OF SEEDS

2780. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

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

- (a) the quantum and value of different varieties of canola, sunflower, cotton and soya seeds imported into the country during each of the last three years and the relaxation given in the criteria fixed for their import, country and variety-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to import different varieties of seeds including canola seeds in higher quantity during the current year and if so, the quantum and value thereof;
- (c) whether any relaxation has been given for import permission at the port for seeds and any oil and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard for imported seeds and if so, the details and the status thereof?

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) & (b): Import policy of oilseeds, including sunflower, cotton and soya seeds other than for sowing purposes is “free” subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order 2003. The registered quantum and value of different varieties of seeds imported into the country during each of the last three years is annexed. Further, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is not directly importing any seeds from any country, since seeds as above can be freely imported in the country.

(c) & (d): No, Madam.

Country-wise Import of Soya, Sun flower and Cotton Seeds for the last three years (2013-14 to 2015-16) and the current financial year (Upto December, 2016)

ITCHS	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF QUANTITY	COUNTRY	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
				QTY	VALUE (US \$)	QTY	VALUE (US \$)	QTY	VALUE (US \$)	QTY	VALUE (US \$)
12019000	OTHER SOYA BEANS	KGS	BENIN							13953230	6522834
			CANADA					68000	42918		
			DJIBOUTI			660000	384843			251000	116845
			ETHIOPIA			5409556	3248929	17471500	10497226	36051000	19262720
			FRANCE	306	2037						
			KOREA RP					200	109		
			MOZAMBIQUE			116000	69205				
			NIGERIA							252058	117365
			TOGO							758240	336918
			U ARAB EMTS	440000	461183			1000	1067		
			U S A			126000	113782	856000	748019	543000	451690
			UGANDA					460000	328188		
			UKRAINE					1679000	746067		
			UNSPECIFIED					22000	20427		
12060090	OTHER SUNFLOWER SEEDS W/N BROKEN	KGS	CHINA P RP			7000	9291	35000	47349	8000	10505
			GERMANY	800	7406						
			U K	18	143						
12072900	OTHER COTTON SEEDS	KGS	BENIN							952700	368195
			TOGO							204320	83166