

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5818
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th APRIL, 2017

IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND OILS

5818. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

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

- (a) the details of imports of potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last two years, month-wise and item wise;
- (b) whether the Government has slashed import duty on these products and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether cheaper imports are likely to increase as a result thereof thereby impacting small and marginal features; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which Government is planning to address shortage of some of these items and the impact on farming community?

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 details of imports of potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last two years, month-wise and item-wise is given at **Annexure-I**. No import of potatoes was made during the said period.
- (b) The import duty on potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last few years is given at **Annexure-II**.
- (c)&(d) The import and export of agricultural products is made keeping in view of the various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, concerns of food security, remunerative prices to the growers, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing/exporting countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc. The Government takes into account the above factors before deciding on duty structure or other measures relating to import or export of agricultural commodities.

Annexure-I

Quantity in MT/Value in USD Million

MONTH	CRUDE PALM OIL AND ITS FRACTNS		REFINED BLEACHED DEODRSED PALM OIL		REFINED BLCHD DEODRSED PALMOLEIN		REFIND COLZA OIL OF EDBLE GRDE		REFIND RAPESEEDOIL OF EDBLE GRDE		REFIND RAPESEED OIL EDBLE GRADE		WHEAT	
	ITCHS 15111000		ITCHS 15119010		ITCHS 15119020		ITCHS 15141910		ITCHS 15141920		ITCHS 15149930		ITCHS 1001	
2014-15														
MONTH	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
APR-14	440737	415.99		0.00	65020	60.18			294	0.32	0		0	
MAY-14	517670	482.48		0.00	106162	99.67			105	0.12	0		0	
JUN-14	470423	417.36		0.00	82425	73.39	21	0.02	337	0.36	15	0.03	0	
JUL-14	579767	494.00	99000	0.12	101290	87.78			209	0.23	0	0.00	0	
AUG-14	592892	497.96		0.00	172656	142.22			314	0.34	0	0.00	0	
SEP-14	586195	464.70	99000	0.11	154561	123.66			312	0.34	0	0.00	5732	2.07
OCT-14	698766	514.83	403000	0.34	133945	101.51			540	0.59	0	0.00	9387	3.30
NOV-14	710730	502.16	7747000	4.88	76395	55.68			332	0.34	0	0.00	1648	0.50
DEC-14	707387	493.31	319640	0.32	70953	53.21			316	0.32	0	0.00	1025	0.31
JAN-15	635403	432.55	98720	0.11	52051	38.46			515	0.52	0	0.00	3074	0.97
FEB-15	479636	322.32		0.00	79042	55.54			147	0.16	40	0.04	4619	1.50
MAR-15	551389	371.34	598330	0.61	86572	58.30			210	0.20	0		4007	1.30
Total...	6970995	5409.01	9364690	6.49	1181072	949.58	21.37	0.02	3631	3.84	55	0.07	29491	9.95
2015-16														
APR-15	555251	365.99	59400	0.06	155539	101.90			761	0.73	0	0	4106	1.29
MAY-15	595620	383.62	158630	0.16	281436	183.32			13	0.02	10	0.02	7682	2.25
JUN-15	529098	345.74	78970	0.08	226632	151.68			16707	14.35	0	0.00	97078	27.00
JUL-15	666543	440.11	100120	0.10	161085	110.39			368	0.38	0	0.00	190531	50.53
AUG-15	683513	425.22	298550	0.31	214081	138.11			462	0.44	15	0.02	127203	30.72
SEP-15	588510	328.54	239070	0.25	185976	105.93			273	0.25	0	0.00	3076	0.82
OCT-15	824439	438.53	320680	0.33	202771	117.24			66	0.10	15	0.03	42516	11.15
NOV-15	557970	303.07	140390	0.14	242610	142.55			104	0.09	0	0.00	100	0.03
DEC-15	766659	415.68	242050	0.24	266688	152.04			253	0.23	20	0.02	29425	7.64
JAN-16	515446	275.48	60430	0.05	168703	97.53			372	0.34	4	0.01	4950	1.25
FEB-16	472189	258.47	60462	0.05	232445	139.27			230	0.20	0	0.00	8250	2.07
MAR-16	356821	219.62	60250	0.05	231146	144.91			40	0.04	4	0.01	2750	0.70
Total...	7112059	4200.08	1819002	1.82	2569112	1584.87	0.00	0.00	19647	17.16	69	0.10	517667	135.45

Import duty on potatoes, wheat crude palm oil and refined oil during the last few years:

Commodity	Applicable Rate of Duty	Date from which applicable	Date till which applicable
Potatoes	30%	Prior to 22.09.2016	22.09.2016
	10%	23.09.2016	31.10.2016
	30%	01.11.2016	-
Wheat	Nil	09.09.2006	06.08.2015
	10%	07.08.2015	18.10.2016
	25%	19.10.2015	22.09.2016
	10%	23.09.2016	07.12.2016
	Nil	08.12.2016	27.03.2017
	10%	28.03.2017	-
Crude Palm oils	2.5%	23.01.2013	23.12.2014
	7.5%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	12.5%	17.09.2015	22.09.2016
	7.5%	23.09.2016	-
Refined Palm oils	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	22.09.2016
	15%	23.09.2016	-
Refined Sunflower oil	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
Soyabean oil (refined)	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
Refined Mustard/rapeseed/colza/canola oils	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
All other edible oils (Refined)	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
