

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st JANUARY, 2018

IMPORT-EXPORT OF PEPPER

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

- (a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the import and export of Pepper taking place in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of import and export of Pepper taken place during the last five years, year-wise and country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the report that import of pepper from Sri Lanka to India is higher than their production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a)&(b): The major country-wise export and import of pepper during the last five years is given at **Annexure I** and **Annexure II** respectively.

(c) &(d): An analysis of the data regarding the production of pepper in Sri Lanka during the last three years and import of pepper into India from Sri Lanka during the same period shows that the import of pepper from Sri Lanka into India was much less than their production.

Representations have been received from traders/growers associations of pepper in the country regarding alleged import of low quality pepper into India from Vietnam through Sri Lanka. Since most of the pepper producing countries are in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region, the stakeholders have raised apprehensions of routing the pepper produced in ASEAN countries including Vietnam to India through Sri Lanka, by utilizing the provisions of India Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISLFTA) and Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA).

In order to stop the possibility of inferior quality pepper of other countries entering into India through Sri Lanka to take duty advantage and to stabilize the domestic prices of pepper, Government has fixed the CIF value of Rs.500/- per kg as Minimum Import Price for Black Pepper vide DGFT Notification dated 6/12/2017.

Sri Lankan Authorities have been requested to exercise extreme care and diligence in issuing the Certificates of Origin under ISLFTA and SAFTA. Government of Sri Lanka has informed that Sri Lanka Customs along with Ministry of Primary Industries and National Quarantine Service have introduced a new procedure with the aim of preventing Sri Lankan exporters from obtaining SAFTA or ISLFTA Certificates of Origin issued by the Department for third-country black pepper shipments destined to India.

ANNEXURE-I

MAJOR COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF PEPPER FROM INDIA (QTY IN M.T; VALUE IN RS.LAKHS)

Major Countries	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(EST)	
	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
U.S.A	7177.77	29589.56	9557.13	42069.33	9683.99	54465.30	10740.47	65961.15	9700.00	58200.00
U.K	1309.75	5658.19	1669.78	8049.28	2098.21	11765.76	2160.86	14904.33	1696.06	11303.41
GERMANY	747.96	3358.90	1304.72	5987.74	1584.90	9468.09	2504.90	14456.83	898.49	7765.79
SWEDEN	63.97	284.94	312.92	1399.89	880.62	6452.33	649.88	4748.80	930.83	8038.76
JAPAN	727.74	3233.34	575.08	2767.76	617.98	4737.60	697.47	5086.22	734.08	6317.20
NETHERLANDS	375.60	1905.13	1016.05	4555.56	1201.61	5952.47	1566.44	10027.14	475.83	4057.51
U.A.E	399.60	1513.07	380.19	1550.37	180.70	936.90	663.31	3982.42	712.98	3993.64
CANADA	538.72	2061.95	694.66	2801.97	458.11	2454.74	589.64	3677.50	318.97	2366.02
AUSTRALIA	468.74	2027.61	394.96	2000.38	362.50	2236.15	480.91	3373.68	270.53	1720.08
FRANCE	218.73	1062.57	410.94	2024.12	167.56	1412.17	430.97	3262.85	356.87	1946.25
SPAIN	251.96	762.53	371.03	1294.68	305.72	1153.93	449.82	2204.10	216.21	1353.42
TURKEY	76.20	272.58	139.40	674.00	46.00	243.04	251.40	1422.66	201.60	1456.40
CHINA	28.70	134.12	15.76	86.98	92.77	643.56	157.25	1270.48	148.73	1195.39
ITALY	406.03	1574.36	805.19	3381.67	263.69	1354.77	566.47	3373.15	190.39	988.74
POLAND	188.45	427.34	208.46	800.02	482.86	1276.36	580.78	2853.38	289.46	979.48
RUSSIA	38.50	233.26	106.66	488.07	306.61	1566.74	153.33	1054.13	110.75	641.56
SOUTH AFRICA	389.65	1666.90	272.69	1173.49	241.09	1421.06	204.69	1238.77	97.47	551.92
IRAN	188.83	872.26	272.00	1295.08	142.55	942.26	601.96	3507.89	94.95	534.91
VIETNAM	200.59	810.48	431.01	1715.20	321.44	1477.29	1859.73	10275.95	93.43	524.65
Others	1565.47	6361.19	2311.37	9886.74	2011.09	10881.64	2789.75	16360.06	62.37	377.37
TOTAL	15362.96	63810.28	21250.00	94002.34	21450.00	120842.16	28100.00	173041.50	17600.00	114312.50

(Est): Estimate

Source : DGCI&S Kolkata/Exporters' Returns/DLE from Customs

ANNEXURE-II

COUNTRY-WISE IMPORT OF PEPPER INTO INDIA

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(EST)	
	QTY (MT)	VALUE (Rs. LAKHS)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (Rs. LAKHS)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (Rs. LAKHS)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (Rs. LAKHS)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (Rs. LAKHS)
SRI LANKA	6638	25150	8075	30770	5562	34727	8000	50000	4900	32830
VIETNAM	4130	14904	4602	18138	10845	52033	6780	40420	9500	47785
INDONESIA	4678	16267	2235	8794	3042	16057	3910	21960	5000	26000
BRAZIL	-	-	125	575	825	4509	325	2060	500	2950
OTHERS	154	624	643	3342.84	1026.2	3383.8682	350	1856.43	365	2025.58
ITEM TOTAL	15600	56945	15680	61620	21300	110710	19365	116296	20265	111591

Est) Estimate

Source : DGCI&S Kolkata/DLI from Customs
