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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2530
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2018

IMPORT OF ARECANUT, COCOA POWDER AND BLACK PEPPER

2530. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE †ãøŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè
be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of arecanut, cocoa powder and black pepper imported during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether any significant changes were noticed in the import of the said commodities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the value of the said commodities imported during the aforesaid period, year and commodity-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The total quantum of arecanut, cocoa powder and black pepper imported during the last three years and current year is given below:

(Quantity in tons)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (Apr- Sept)
Areca Nut	50036	45190	16151	9887
Cocoa Powder	10780	14811	13295	8894
Black Pepper	20671	18122	18238	10360

Source: Department of Commerce

(b): There is significant decrease of 64% in import of arecanut and moderate decrease of 10% in cocoa powder in 2016-17 over the corresponding period of previous year 2015-16 as per import statistics mentioned in para (a) above. However, there is slight increase of less than 1 % in import of black pepper in 2016-17 over the corresponding period of previous year 2015-16 as per trade statistics mentioned in para (a) above in quantity terms. Whereas in value terms, there is a slight decrease as mentioned in para (c) below:

(c): The details of value of import of arecanut, cocoa powder and black pepper during the aforesaid period is given below:

(in Rs. Crore)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (Apr- Sept)
Areca Nut	682	722	286	254
Cocoa Powder	134	222	217	133
Black Pepper	1067	1070	1021	370

Source: Department of Commerce
