

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1740**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> March, 2018

**AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION**

1740. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the foreign countries with whom the Government has signed agreement during the last year and the current year for cooperation in agriculture and allied sectors to make the country self dependent in the field;
- (b) if so, the details of the activities/exchange with these countries;
- (c) whether the agreements provide for constitution of a Joint Working Group comprising of representatives from both the countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the farm products imported during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): Madam, during last year and the current year (till date), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has signed MoUs/agreements with Portugal on 06.01.2017, Kenya on 11.01.2017, Mauritius on 16.01.2017, UAE on 25.01.2017, Poland on 27.04.2017, Palestine on 16.05.2017, Philippines on 13.11.2017, Italy on 06.12.2017 and Iran on 17.02.2018.

The areas for cooperation in these MoUs/Agreements inter-alia include cooperation in research and development, increasing productivity, post-harvest management, value addition/food processing, plant protection, animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries, enhancing trade and mutual exchange, reciprocal visits of scientists, mutual exchange of technical expertise, exchange of germ-plasm, transfer of technology, setting up of Centers of Excellence in different fields to demonstrate new technologies etc.

(c): Yes, Madam. MoUs/Agreements signed with Portugal, Kenya, Poland, Palestine, Philippines, Italy, Iran provide for constitution of Joint Working Group/Working Group/Agriculture Steering Committee comprising of representatives from both the countries.

(d): Details of India's total imports in Agriculture and allied sectors during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are placed at Annexure.

## India's total agri and allied imports

Qty: '000 tonnes Value in Rs. Crores

	Commodity	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
1	TEA	27.45	388.73	23.72	377.47	24.79	337.13
2	COFFEE	74.88	930.47	65.61	801.83	78.04	926.78
3	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	1.96	10.83	1.02	5.91	1.14	7.25
4	WHEAT	29.49	61.35	517.67	872.59	5749.43	8509.05
5	OTHER CEREALS	23.40	61.81	206.14	344.31	311.37	493.18
6	PULSES	4584.85	17062.94	5797.71	25619.06	6608.95	28523.90
7	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	1.91	98.16	2.88	137.30	1.97	77.21
8	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED		200.28		193.92		228.06
9	SPICES	161.07	4391.84	193.44	5399.95	240.39	5757.83
10	CASHEW	940.81	6599.74	961.67	8701.28	774.30	9027.09
11	CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID	1.72	10.03	1.86	5.60	1.69	3.67
12	SESAME SEEDS	34.77	379.99	23.60	179.66	69.03	442.15
13	NIGER SEEDS	0.70	3.73	5.78	44.14	10.47	81.37
14	GROUNDNUT	0.13	0.49	0.11	0.31	0.33	1.39
15	OTHER OIL SEEDS	51.35	163.10	62.51	218.62	117.16	394.77
16	VEGETABLE OILS	12701.03	64893.63	15642.33	68676.62	14009.86	73047.67
17	OIL MEALS	165.10	272.65	255.01	429.91	550.41	974.54
18	GUERGAM MEAL	0.17	5.84	0.63	13.93	0.18	2.41
19	CASTOR OIL	0.05	1.81	0.03	1.10	0.09	1.42
20	SHELLAC	1.77	59.54	0.71	19.48	0.46	13.43
21	SUGAR	1538.64	3668.21	1943.13	4037.86	2146.15	6868.61
22	MOLLASES	59.55	29.60	17.27	7.50	13.85	9.05
23	FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	14.01	611.41	14.33	703.03	14.07	656.31
24	FRESH FRUITS	858.11	9543.86	839.54	11071.57	1040.19	11240.95
25	FRESH VEGETABLES	8.24	11.14	140.73	394.45	8.55	11.12
26	PROCESSED VEGETABLES		104.20	15.38	120.33	13.38	116.12
27	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES		496.00	38.96	526.49	42.73	548.07
28	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	63.24	568.66	61.49	574.89	66.76	582.08
29	COCOA PRODUCTS	65.31	1551.09	56.42	1398.91	63.61	1540.31
30	MILLED PRODUCTS	3.47	17.72	4.39	21.40	3.56	16.22
31	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS		1748.56		1811.12		2116.23
32	ANIMAL CASINGS	0.00	0.00	0.05	4.80	0.00	0.00
33	BUFFALO MEAT		0.00	0.50	17.18	0.00	0.00
34	SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	0.09	8.73	0.05	4.80	0.13	8.50
35	OTHER MEAT	0.47	19.50	0.50	17.18	0.59	18.99
36	PROCESSED MEAT	0.17	5.17	0.07	2.75	0.13	4.47
37	DAIRY PRODUCTS	0.00	375.01	18.23	371.58	16.90	254.76
38	POULTRY PRODUCTS		38.22		26.42		29.49
39	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS		113.37	4.77	114.40	5.56	133.81
40	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.00	2508.24		2935.85		3581.07
41	MARINE PRODUCTS	27.58	451.74	50.13	639.77	52.05	635.17
42	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	9.32	352.58	11.67	354.35	11.53	360.16
43	JUTE, RAW	44.00	139.58	88.37	363.44	138.84	704.13
44	JUTE HESSIAN	0.00	177.79		181.41		57.19
45	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	258.90	3101.08	231.81	2566.21	498.74	6337.44
	India's total agri and allied imports		121238.42		140310.67		164680.56

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry

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