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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

STATUS OF AGRO PRODUCTS

5132. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

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

- (a) the details of the current status of production of agro products that are imported by India;
- (b) the details of the agro products imported during the last five years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is taking all necessary measures to increase the production of such agro products to pursue plans and strategies to meet the shortages of agro products and reduce the import dependency; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Various agriculture products are imported by the country. Major agriculture products imported in value terms are vegetable edible oils, pulses, fresh fruits, raw cashew nuts, wheat, raw sugar, raw cotton including waste and spices. These products constitute nearly 90% share in India's total agriculture import. The current status of production of these major imported agriculture products is enclosed at annexure-I.

(b): The details of major agro products imported during the last five year and the current year is enclosed at annexure-II.

(c) & (d): In order to increase the production and productivity of agricultural crops including oilseeds, foodgrains, pulses, fruits and spices, Government implements various programmes/ schemes viz Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card etc.

In addition, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAU) have developed a number of improved varieties/hybrid seeds of foodgrain crops to enhance production and productivity of food crops.

As a result of various initiatives taken by the Government, record production of food grains(including both cereals and pulses)is estimated in the country during 2017-18.As per the Second Advance Estimates, production of food grains during 2017-18 is estimated at 277.49 million tonnes against 251.57 million tons in year 2015-16.Likewise, horticulture production (including fruits, spices, vegetables etc.) in 2017-18 is estimated at 305.43 million tons (as per the First Advance Estimates) against production of 286.19 million tons in 2015-16.

Annexure-I

Current status on production of major agriculture products imported by country

(in lakh tons)

	Commodity	2017-18
1	Vegetable oils	98.9
2	Pulses	239.5
3	Fresh fruits	948.8
4	Cashew nut (raw)	8.2
5	Wheat	971.1
6	Sugar	272.0
7	Cotton *	339.2
8	Spices	81.6

Sources: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DAC&FW, Horticulture Division, DAC&FW and Dte. of Sugar, Deptt. of Food &PD

* in lakh bales, one bale equal to 170 kgs.

Annexure-II**Details of major agriculture products imported by India**

(Quantity in lakh tons, value in Rs. crore)

		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18 (Apr-Jan)	
	Commodity	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
1	Vegetable oils	96.06	53561.6	79.43	44038.0	127.01	64893.6	156.42	68676.6	140.10	73047.7	130.80	64088.47
2	Pulses	40.13	13344.6	31.78	11036.7	45.84	17062.9	57.98	25619.1	66.09	28523.9	53.30	18032.91
3	Fresh fruits	8.02	6180.5	7.69	7716.0	8.58	9543.9	8.40	11071.6	10.40	11241.0	8.27	10923.61
4	Cashew nut	8.99	5433.9	7.76	4667.8	9.40	6599.7	9.62	8701.3	7.74	9027.1	5.91	8191.09
5	Wheat	0.03	6.0	0.11	26.9	0.29	61.3	5.18	872.6	57.49	8509.0	15.86	2263.16
6	Sugar	11.22	3094.4	8.81	2286.9	15.38	3668.2	19.43	4037.9	21.46	6868.6	23.09	5821.91
7	Cotton raw (including waste)	2.33	2466.7	1.81	2375.8	2.58	3101.1	2.32	2566.2	4.99	6337.4	4.29	5681.24
8	Spices	1.76	2715.8	1.56	3451.7	1.61	4391.8	1.93	5399.9	2.40	5757.8	1.78	5176.59

Source: Department of Commerce
