

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4242
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th JANUARY, 2019

IMPORT OF RAW BAMBOO STICKS

4242. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether India is importing raw bamboo sticks for Agarbatti units in South India from Vietnam and China at lower import duty; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for not supporting such units in India and banning such imports which are hitting the local producers mostly the tribal and marginal farmers?

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) India's import of bamboo and agarbatti (under HS 14011000 & 33074100 respectively) from Vietnam and China, for the last three financial years 2015-16 to 2017-18 and current financial year 2018-19 (up to October, 2018) is as annexed.
- (b) The restructured National Bamboo Mission approved by CCEA in April, 2018 focuses on the development of complete value chain of bamboo sector to link growers with consumers starting from planting material, plantation, creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing marketing, micro, small & medium enterprises, skill development and brand building initiative in a cluster approach mode. A major focus is to rejuvenate the domestic supply of quality raw material to the Agarbatti Industry by boosting plantations of the species required, installation of more efficient processing equipment and skilling of the associated communities. So far 88 Bamboo Treatment Units, 464 Product Development/ Processing Units, 135 Infrastructure Projects for Promotion and Development of Bamboo Markets have been approved in 16 States as per the Annual Action Plans received for 2018-19.

Annexure

Import of Bamboo and Agarbatti (under HS 14011000 & 33074100 respectively) from Vietnam and China, for the last three financial years 2015-16 to 2017-18 and current financial year 2018-19 (up to October, 2018)

ITCHS	Item Description	Country	Unit of Quantity	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (up to October, 2018)	
				Quantity	Value in US\$	Quantity	Value in US\$	Quantity	Value in US\$	Quantity	Value in US\$
14011000	BAMBOOS	CHINA P RP	TON	9670	10492433	20191	23016358	26054	27541446	17479	18144203
		VIETNAM SOC REP	TON	10647	12178745	7307	8756682	823	891093	332	329261
Total Import of 14011000			TON	20437	22738842	27525	31805883	26910	28469597	17870	18534608
33074100	AGARBATTI AND OTHER ODORIFEROUS PRPNS WHICH OPERATE BY BURNING	CHINA P RP	TON	5385	6856997	7261	8217458	7499	8534706	3485	3868131
		VIETNAM SOC REP	TON	81394	60122539	105553	65372008	93228	75508922	60159	47478776
Total Import of 33074100			TON	86931	67202823	113156	74045787	101048	84952787	63776	51551124

Note: Figures for the financial year 2018-19 are provisional
