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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1725
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JULY, 2019

PRODUCTION OF AGRO PRODUCTS

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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 which are imported in the country;
- (b) the details of agro products which are 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 their shortages and reduce the import dependency; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Major agro products imported in the country are edible vegetable oils, pulses, fresh fruits, raw cashew nuts, raw sugar, raw cotton and spices. In value term, these products constitute nearly 90% share in India's total agro imports. The current status of production of these major imported agro products is at annexure-I.

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

(c) & (d): In order to increase the production and productivity of agro products including oilseeds, foodgrains, pulses, fruits and spices etc. Government implements various programmes/schemes, viz, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission(NFSM), NFSM- Oil seeds and oil palm, Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Pradhan Mantri KrishiSinchai 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 to enhance production and productivity.

Production of food grains during 2018-19 is estimated at 283.37 million tonnes (as per Third Advance Estimate). Likewise, horticulture production (including fruits, spices, vegetables etc.) in 2018-19 is estimated at 314.67 million tons (as per the First Advance Estimates).

Annexure-I

Current status of production of major agriculture products imported by country

(in lakh tons)

	Commodity	2018-19
1	Vegetable oils	99.9
2	Fresh Fruits	967.5
3	Cashew nut (raw)	8.1
4	Pulses	232.2
5	Spices	85.9
6	Cotton *	275.9
7	Sugar	328.0
8	Coffee	3.19

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 thousand tons, value in Rs. crore)

Sl. No.	Commodity	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
1	Vegetable oils	7942.9	44038	12701	64893.6	15642.3	68676.6	14009.9	73047.7	15361	74995.9	15019.3	69023.8
2	Fresh fruits	769.1	7716	858.1	9543.9	839.5	11071.6	1040.2	11241	994.7	12524.5	1124.1	13931.6
3	Cashew nut	776.3	4667.8	940.8	6599.7	961.7	8701.3	774.3	9027.1	654	9134.3	839.6	11162.3
4	Pulses	3177.9	11036.7	4584.9	17062.9	5797.7	25619.1	6609	28523.9	5607.5	18748.5	2527.8	8035.2
5	Spices	155.6	3451.7	161.1	4391.8	193.4	5399.9	240.4	5757.8	222.3	6385.2	239.9	7911.4
6	Cotton raw	181	2375.8	258.9	3101.1	231.8	2566.2	498.7	6337.4	469.1	6306.7	298.9	4382.8
7	Sugar	881	2286.9	1538.6	3668.2	1943.1	4037.9	2146.2	6868.6	2402.9	6035.8	1490.6	3175.3
8	Coffee	59.9	729	74.9	930.5	65.6	801.8	78	926.8	77.2	996.5	77.0	996.5

Source: Department of Commerce
