

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1036  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

EXPORT OF ARECANUT

**1036. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

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

- (a) whether arecanut is imported from countries including Bhutan, Singapore and UAE;
- (b) if so, the details of the total arecanut imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) whether there has been an adverse impact of such import on the prices of arecanut in the domestic market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken by the Government to protect the interests of arecanut growers in the country;
- (e) whether it is a fact that many farmers in Arecanut growing States of Karnataka and Kerala are in distress due to widespread Yellow Leaf Disease (YLD) affecting arecanut plants; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in arecanut sector, namely rehabilitation/replanting programme and research studies for identifying measures for control of YLD?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a) & (b):** Yes Sir. Arecanut is imported from some countries including Singapore and UAE. However, there is no import of arecanut from Bhutan in last four years including the current financial year. The details of the arecanut imported into the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise are given at Annexure-I.

**(c) & (d):** Domestic price of arecanut is continuously increasing from Rs. 19,038/- per Quintal in 2017-18 to Rs. 35,481/- per Quintal in 2021-22 in respect of dry arecanut in Kozhikode market and similar increase in domestic price of chali arecanut has been noticed in Sagar market from Rs. 20,847/- per Quintal in 2017-18 to Rs. 39,019/- per Quintal in 2021-22.

Government of India have taken the following measures to discourage the import of arecanut and to protect the interests of arecanut growers in the country:-

- (i) Basic Customs Duty on import of arecanut is already at Bound Rate of 100%.
- (ii) Further, import of arecanut is prohibited if the Cost, Insurance & Freight (C.I.F.) value is below Rs. 251/- per Kg. Precisely, the Government has imposed the condition of Minimum Import Price (MIP) @ Rs. 251/- per Kg on arecanut to restrict the unabated import and to prevent entry of inferior quality arecanut into domestic market and destabilization of the domestic prices.
- (iii) The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Bureau of India Standard (BIS) have developed the quality standards to restrict import of low quality arecanut.

**(e) & (f):** Yes Sir. Government of India have constituted a National Scientific Committee (NSC) to address the issues of farmers affected by Leaf Spot Disease (LSD) and Yellow Leaf Disease (YLD) in arecanut plants in Karnataka and other States.

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**Annexure-I**

**Country-wise Import of Arecanut during last three F.Ys and current F.Y. 2022-23 (Till November, 2022)**

**(QTY. in MT & VAL. in Million USD)**

| ITCHS    | Description   | COUNTRY            | 2019-20 |      | 2020-21 |       | 2021-22 |      | 2022-23<br>(Till NOV., 2022) |       |
|----------|---------------|--------------------|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|------|------------------------------|-------|
|          |               |                    | QTY     | VAL  | QTY     | VAL   | QTY     | VAL  | QTY                          | VAL   |
| 08028010 | <b>WHOLE</b>  | CANADA             | 0.63    | 0.00 | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0    | 0                            | 0     |
|          |               | INDONESIA          | 839.00  | 3.04 | 897.00  | 1.93  | 1184.20 | 2.70 | 966.03                       | 2.26  |
|          |               | MALDIVES           | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0    | 2.60                         | 0.02  |
|          |               | MYANMAR            | 0       | 0    | 1590.00 | 5.86  | 1390.69 | 4.80 | 6954.51                      | 24.11 |
|          |               | SINGAPORE          | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 27.00   | 0.14 | 0                            | 0     |
|          |               | SRI LANKA DSR      | 54.00   | 0.20 | 244.00  | 0.91  | 1479.39 | 5.95 | 2482.00                      | 8.80  |
|          |               | TANZANIA REP       | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0    | 18.00                        | 0.06  |
|          |               | U ARAB EMTS        | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 27.00   | 0.04 | 0                            | 0     |
|          |               | VIETNAM SOC<br>REP | 98.00   | 0.21 | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0    | 0                            | 0     |
| 08028020 | <b>SPLIT</b>  | CANADA             | 0.50    | 0.00 | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0    | 0                            | 0     |
|          |               | INDONESIA          | 3592.14 | 5.63 | 6741.08 | 11.74 | 1278.92 | 4.32 | 6505.00                      | 27.72 |
|          |               | MALAYSIA           | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 221.59  | 0.79 | 375.00                       | 0.65  |
|          |               | MYANMAR            | 0       | 0    | 205.00  | 0.58  | 734.45  | 2.44 | 4327.39                      | 15.24 |
|          |               | NEPAL              | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 421.99  | 1.43 | 1826.82                      | 5.99  |
|          |               | SINGAPORE          | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 52.00   | 0.14 | 81.00                        | 0.14  |
|          |               | SRI LANKA DSR      | 0       | 0    | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0    | 3.90                         | 0.02  |
|          |               | U ARAB EMTS        | 0       | 0    | 216.80  | 0.78  | 885.96  | 1.94 | 2,350.00                     | 6.46  |
| 08028030 | <b>GROUND</b> | SRI LANKA DSR      | 321.00  | 1.29 | 89.00   | 0.35  | 0       | 0    | 0                            | 0     |

| ITCHS                 | Description             | COUNTRY       | 2019-20 |       | 2020-21 |       | 2021-22 |       | 2022-23<br>(Till NOV., 2022) |       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
|                       |                         |               | QTY     | VAL   | QTY     | VAL   | QTY     | VAL   | QTY                          | VAL   |
| 08028090              | <b>OTHER ARECA NUTS</b> | INDONESIA     | 2676.00 | 3.42  | 2223.00 | 3.02  | 3643.08 | 7.21  | 4161.25                      | 13.73 |
|                       |                         | MYANMAR       | 0       | 0     | 2022.76 | 7.17  | 5520.63 | 19.88 | 17307.32                     | 60.24 |
|                       |                         | SINGAPORE     | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0     | 14.00   | 0.05  | 135.04                       | 0.56  |
|                       |                         | SRI LANKA DSR | 9179.51 | 34.19 | 9759.61 | 36.06 | 8967.28 | 37.68 | 12628.35                     | 46.78 |
|                       |                         | U ARAB EMTS   | 0       | 0     | 0       | 0     | 130.80  | 0.67  | 1328.00                      | 5.02  |
|                       |                         | UNSPECIFIED   | 0       | 0     | 0.05    | 0.00  | 0       | 0     | 0                            | 0     |
| Source: DGCI, Kolkata |                         |               |         |       |         |       |         |       |                              |       |

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