

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2810**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**IMPORT OF FOOD PRODUCTS**

2810. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

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

- (a) the details of food products such as sugar, rice, onion and other items imported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the amount incurred for the import of such food items in Indian rupees;
- (c) whether a large amount of money is being spent on the import of such items instead of meeting demand through domestic production in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps likely to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ( श्री पीयूष गोयल )  
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

**(a) to (d):** The details of quantity and value of food products including sugar, rice and onion imported during last three years and the current year( April 2019 to January 2020) are given in **Annexure**. Imports take place to meet the gap between domestic production and supply and consumer demand and preferences for some of the food items.

**(e):** In order to reduce imports of food products, augmentation of domestic production is required for which Government has taken several steps. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) was launched to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses through area expansion and productivity enhancement, restoring soil fertility and productivity, improvement in cropping system, distributing of seeds of high yielding varieties, optimising use of farm

machineries/resources, water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/soil ameliorants, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. In addition, special programmes like inter-cropping of pulses with sugarcane, targeting rice fallow area programme and special programme for increasing productivity of pulses in low productivity districts of the country are being implemented during 2019-20 in the States suitable for production of these crops. The Government is also implementing Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) under which the financial assistance is provided to set up food processing industries/projects/units in the country for enhancing the domestic production capacities of the processed food and reducing the dependency on import of food products.

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**Annexure**

**Statement referred to in reply of part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question no. 2810 for answer on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

**Import of Food Items under Principal Commodity Groups for last three years and current year (April 2019 to January 2020)**

<b>(Quantity in Ton and Value in Rs. Crore)</b>									
<b>Sr. No:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2016-17</b>		<b>2017-18</b>		<b>2018-19</b>		<b>2019-20 (Apr- Jan)</b>	
		<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Value</b>
1	Fresh Fruits	1057517	11290.62	994686	12524.55	1124178	13931.65	800012	11700.51
2	Pulses	6609475	28523.18	5607527	18748.57	2527876	8035.30	2628144	8984.80
3	Cashew	774504	9027.09	654019	9134.33	839634	11162.32	825479	7668.89
4	Misc Processed Items#		2115.82		2249.73		2560.20		2209.55
<b>5</b>	<b>Sugar</b>	<b>2146157</b>	<b>6868.61</b>	<b>2402984</b>	<b>6035.84</b>	<b>1490599</b>	<b>3175.39</b>	<b>958569</b>	<b>2106.87</b>
6	Cocoa Products	63612	1542.28	71258	1473.10	87595	1845.89	75186	1595.00
7	Marine Products	52015	633.39	44713	793.30	56933	1088.13	56069	1061.27
8	Cereal Preparations	66470	579.03	71096	659.68	90576	971.36	82001	859.32
9	Other Cereals	311368	493.18	265129	433.90	244321	471.28	478588	841.18
10	Coffee	78041	926.81	77217	996.50	82772	958.59	76657	837.94
11	Processed Fruits and Juices	42993	548.10	53585	803.81	59124	909.34	46329	669.22
12	Fresh Vegetables	8551	11.12	15650	25.64	14752	24.22	140615	546.68
<b>13</b>	<b>Onion</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>6723</b>	<b>14.37</b>	<b>7326</b>	<b>12.02</b>	<b>132106</b>	<b>526.30</b>
14	Tea	24893	338.35	24939	356.99	28851	417.96	20268	383.76
15	Dairy Products	16906	254.84	23394	312.59	13643	254.12	15907	285.17
16	Processed Vegetables	13323	115.26	15335	134.83	18098	161.83	30791	231.12
<b>17</b>	<b>Rice(Other than Basmati)</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>12.18</b>	<b>6871</b>	<b>32.14</b>	<b>5023</b>	<b>75.07</b>
18	Poultry Products#		29.46		26.87		41.80		37.77
19	Other Meat	594	19.03	783	27.80	876	30.65	824	28.04
20	Milled Products	3556	16.22	3276	13.02	4185	15.60	3630	13.57
21	Sheep/Goat Meat	124	8.50	215	13.36	120	10.83	162	13.21
22	Wheat	5749430	8509.05	1649725	2357.84	2747	5.44	1665	4.14
23	Processed Meat	132	4.47	96	3.22	120	4.14	106	3.88

Source: DGCI&S. \* Provisional. # Quantity not available due to different measurement of units.

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