

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1508
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025

IMPORT OF ARECANUT

1508. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state :-

- (a) Whether import of Arecanut has taken place mainly from Sri Lanka, Indonesia and other South East Asian countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the country-wise and year-wise import data of arecanut for the last three years and the current year as on 31st December, 2024;
- (c) the average price of Arecanut since 2024-25;
- (d) whether there has been an adverse impact of such import on the prices of arecanut in the domestic market;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to discourage the import of arecanut into the country;
- (f) whether there has been a drastic fall in arecanut prices in local market due to illegal import of arecanut by resorting to misdeclaring the cargo; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the remedies contemplated thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)&(b) : The country wise import data of Arecanut in India, during the last four years and the current year is as below:

(Value in USD Million)

S. No.	COUNTRY	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 (April-Dec)
1	SRI LANKA	43.64	61.37	69.87	35.97	27.86
2	MYANMAR	27.12	111.76	15.61	33.20	31.98
3	INDONESIA	14.22	58.32	43.14	15.36	12.66
4	BANGLADESH	-	0.03	13.29	53.06	43.65
5	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2.66	18.87	5.08	2.45	2.39
6	NEPAL	1.43	6.29	-	-	-
7	OMAN	-	-	-	0.91	0.91
8	MALAYSIA	0.79	0.65	-	1.21	1.21

9	SINGAPORE	0.33	0.70	0.43	0.61	0.61
10	THAILAND	-	-	0.33	0.21	-
	Others	0.00	0.18	0.23	0.47	0.27
	Grand Total	90.18	258.19	147.99	143.45	121.54

Source: DGCIS

(c) to (g): The average price of Arecanut recorded in Kozhikode(Kerala) and Sirsi (Karnatka) markets, which are the two main producing states in the country is as below:

Description	January-June 2024 Average price (Rs/quintal)	January-June 2025 Average price (Rs/quintal)
Kozhikode (Arecanut dry new)	31916.67	32388.83
Sirsi (Chali new)	36316.17	37856.67

As evident above, there seems to be no adverse impact of import on the prices of Arecanut in domestic market.

(Source: Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare)
