

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2544
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2016

IMPORT OF SEEDS

2544. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- whether the Government is importing seeds from various countries;
- if so, the total quantity of seeds imported into the country during the last three years and the current year, year and country-wise; and
- the revenue generated therefrom during the said period?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)(स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- and (b) : The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is not directly importing any seeds from any country. However, the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 allows import of seeds and planting materials of cereals, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, fodders, fruits and vegetables to any individual or any firm on fulfilment of certain conditions and also on the fulfilment of conditions laid down in the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003.

Information related to country wise import of seeds into India during the last three years and the current year (April to December, 2015) is annexed.

- Revenue generated through customs duty on seed imports during the last three years and the current year (April to December, 2015) is given as under:

Customs Duty Collected on Imported Seeds	
Financial Year	Duty (in Rs. Crore)
2012-13	120.88

2013-14	115.29
2014-15	136.88
2015-16(Apr to Dec 2015)	94.01

COUNTRY-WISE IMPORT OF SEEDS

Annexure

(VALUES IN US \$)

Country	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(apr to dec)	
	qty(kg)	val	qty(kg)	val	qty(kg)	val	qty(kg)	val
SOMALIA	7983060	9948955	25745530	43859876	20146425	35846494	10970779	13202190
TURKEY	12569601	26914141	14411217	49271416	10930570	33114014	7627179	23017643
SUDAN	23316974	22880699	19781180	30390181	30970792	27606069	35152068	39426983
CHILE	112914	14224690	97914	12529590	141308	17262539	119331	15336398
EGYPT A RP	13833170	21193838	5354600	7968321	11159000	17123626	9015000	12477450
ITALY	4395424	9308260	4014391	10926864	7065879	16960820	7181722	13563121
THAILAND	927939	13998297	1282884	16045413	219413	16686391	135933	15589544
GHANA	20987253	10181540	37853579	19957004	28350102	16161083	13568480	7108404
U S A	614747	6921825	858948	8096558	1412560	13742171	917790	8975993
VIETNAM SOC REP	4715627	13698113	2923109	8349592	4385495	13007094	3058350	8737295
CHINA P RP	1439638	9794487	730388	7201890	2015990	10836579	2515410	11627947
AFGHANISTAN	1910223	7090699	2190714	7232758	2498403	9584965	1989690	7535467
TAIWAN	6654	3184591	9166	4884075	24421	6226856	11545	4988969
PAKISTAN IR	10141442	7068882	17067617	32159157	6096573	4879860	3670514	2810745
NIGERIA	7486049	10881064	12698720	22877659	3459310	4470003	4618973	3686414
KOREA RP	73703	2763840	84182	2198310	695474	4300120	92532	3028542
TANZANIA REP	1399382	2059466	996280	1543787	837873	3103181	253044	946711
NEW ZEALAND	623625	1441205	897651	2664645	1095863	3042823	1366780	3997095
PHILIPPINES	49864	2672664	36778	1551155	52327	2537459	47223	2228245
FRANCE	54383	1777427	168812	2265936	295727	2455152	348836	2178957
AUSTRALIA	1236705	1751279	127934	1183842	307599	1586332	50095	1150584
GUATEMALA	131	337817	100101	1197584	69173	1537153	76205	1367160
ETHIOPIA	2453000	3866525	1261700	2670603	673000	1441656	1158600	1430282
UKRAINE	182000	129993	155727	198010	1272000	1302779	1109550	944211
BULGARIA	100000	49345	22500	39493	876500	1233104	516999	613712
BENIN	6532696	3436061	7743990	3580932	2133000	1170245	4211000	2062388
NETHERLAND	60449	907731	25207	1350339	36771	1038125	48134	1602494
INDONESIA	80103	1671228	41615	1330509	42749	1031196	71310	1927893
JAPAN	4031	793720	29744	785404	10629	1024181	9167	1153114
RUSSIA	201000	190493	42000	51710	740725	980032	4242982	3419176
MYANMAR	763	115279	477500	108257	706255	897757	4062649	5038716
SOUTH AFRICA	3370	46647	1026	137915	36033	786544	22189	781513
MEXICO	4207	870456	260	72914	5822	695927	412	107152

FINLAND	951200	1166223	414800	557492	384300	664371	203800	399103
SPAIN	1786	305866	3512	243980	2781	596306	1649	361564
CZECH REPUBLIC	65000	178428	205300	738146	179243	565302	222100	551989
GERMANY	27901	356922	85950	384010	18139	520403	99674	374591
MOZAMBIQUE	200000	164156	91000	116370	282000	511625	0	0
NEPAL	385085	96083	242000	149101	696780	425027	136470	83165
MOLDOVA	0	0	0	0	745000	372621	1948000	906108
BURKINA FASO	0	0	54000	97187	639000	366297	380280	486057
CANADA	0	0	173588	144282	301382	365010	75007	190864
TOGO	1684152	2614896	660560	1183789	147000	320248	380300	480516
ISRAEL	723	78923	18913	247003	2992	277432	3022	171985
POLAND	1000	2542	0	0	148638	269185	23	80
CAMEROON	0	0	19724	48526	78890	261797	90021	248210
SYRIA	75000	225896	760047	2059165	111000	258240	1821000	4783359
IRAN	774250	267943	774984	258967	438000	214904	1140400	755185
COTE D'IVOIRE	1149240	720639	702623	745544	182460	166875	235000	120553
COSTA RICA	958335	1015629	1125962	1021540	100550	157003	0	0
DENMARK	1735	78072	20120	169929	13941	138380	30923	258268
BANGLADESH PR	299000	79286	732410	216542	109900	111163	349000	179968
SINGAPORE	13000	37797	315000	532270	37000	108562	0	0
PERU	0	0	83	48704	1150	95771	345	291436
ARGENTINA	206020	158472	1886	142480	40377	95711	121337	639957
NETHERLANDANTIL	0	0	0	0	373	68782	224	70397
BELGIUM	6179	127779	12744	278774	1481	60528	20006	241828
MALAWI	0	0	155000	83076	104000	60410	0	0
GREECE	48000	92195	0	0	19000	54491	0	0
KENYA	73000	91958	33000	63970	24000	50034	0	0
UNSPECIFIED	41584760	18729713	8	1877	19000	38121	434205	1039441
MAURITIUS	3184	57003	11032	89825	2210	37396	1652	33243
UZBEKISTAN	0	0	0	0	20000	23450	0	0
MOROCCO	0	0	200003	319488	20000	21618	0	0
LATVIA	0	0	44	15706	10	7168	47	39735
U ARAB EMTS	1887745	2464845	817714	1421147	2500	2849	2000	1656
KOREA DP RP	250	31499	0	0	20	2621	250	36399
U K	70	16926	74	12297	2	2046	69	5289
HONDURAS	0	0	0	0	70	2041	0	0
MALAYSIA	0	0	50000	49628	65	101	0	0
BRAZIL	0	0	21597	32114	0	0	0	0
CHAD	0	0	417990	721084	0	0	0	0
DJIBOUTI	608000	963373	57000	109847	0	0	0	0
GEORGIA	0	0	8	65358	0	0	0	0

GUADELOUPE	0	0	2	15070	0	0	0	0
GUINEA BISSAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	129000	155530
HONG KONG	9880	34561	88	21722	0	0	0	0
HUNGARY	0	0	262	2506	0	0	120300	187333
IRELAND	0	0	600	2221	0	0	0	0
MADAGASCAR	0	0	11000	11243	0	0	500	1217
MALI	0	0	0	0	0	0	190000	239989
NICARAGUA	0	0	40	1819	0	0	0	0
REUNION	2558	182433	2522	306825	0	0	0	0
ROMANIA	87000	54959	40000	25044	0	0	22000	20132
SENEGAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	38000	43650
SRI LANKA DSR	0	0	3000	6308	0	0	16	3843
SWAZILAND	438	25440	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWITZERLAND	1	2369	0	0	0	0	0	0
UGANDA	243000	47063	131000	109267	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	174847619	242641146	165600154	317552942	143637015	280966219	126437091	235465148
