

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 305
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2016

IMPORT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

***305. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:**

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

- (a) the details of tobacco products including cigarettes imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, product-wise;
- (b) whether the cigarette imports in the country have increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any case of illegal imports of cigarettes in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating its impact on the sale of domestic cigarettes along with the action taken by the Government in each case; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

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)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO e) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING “IMPORT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS”**

(a) and (b): The details of tobacco products, including cigarettes, imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, product-wise are annexed. The value of total import of tobacco products for the said period is as per the table below.

Year	Value (US\$ Millions)
2013-14	40.94
2014-15	48.66
2015-16	50.28
2016-17 (April'16-May'16)	5.25

Source: DGCI

Note: Figures for 2015-16 and April'16 to May'16 are provisional

(c) : The details of seizures of cigarettes made by the Customs field formations in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telengana during the year 2015-16 and the current year 2016-17 (upto June, 2016) are as under:

State	Year	Quantity of illegal cigarettes seized (in million sticks)	Value (in Rs. Lakh)
Andhra Pradesh and Telengana	2015-16	3.15	208.419
	2016 – 17 (upto June, 2016)	.31	15.194
Total		3.46	223.613

Source: Department of Revenue

The total number cases of smuggling of cigarette detected by field formations of the Customs across the country during 2014-15 was 1312 with a value of Rs.9246 lakhs and during 2015-16 the number of cases was 2731 with a value of Rs.16162 lakhs.

(d): The details of Cigarette production, sales, exports and domestic sales/consumption for the last 3 years and current year are as under:

Figures: In million Sticks

Year	Production	Sales by domestic producers (A)	Exports (B)	Domestic Sales(A)-(B)
2013-14	110101	111796	10011	101785
2014-15	105269	105306	12078	93229
2015-16	96517	95380	11886	83494
2016-17*	12886	16028	1875	14152

Source: Tobacco Board

Note: (*) Figures for April'16 to May'16 are provisional

(e): All the Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have been alerted and sensitized to remain vigilant to prevent smuggling of goods including cigarettes. Alerts and modus operandi circulars are issued by DRI to its field formations. Moreover, surveillance is maintained at sensitive places. Inter-agency coordination is active for greater exchange of intelligence inputs to keep a check on smuggling activities.

Annexure

Details of Tobacco products imported during last three years and the current year (April to May)

ITCHS	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		APR'16 TO MAY'16	
			QTY	VAL(US \$)	QTY	VAL(US \$)	QTY	VAL(US \$)	QTY	VAL(US \$)
24011010	Flue cured Virginia tobacco, not stemmed/ stripped	KGS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	29099	22944	NIL	NIL
24011040	Burley tobacco, not stemmed/stripped	KGS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	11	90	NIL	NIL
24011070	Tobacco for manufacture of cigar and cheroots no stemmed/stripped	KGS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	579	7355	NIL	NIL
24011080	Tobacco for manufacture of hookah tobacco no stemmed /stripped	KGS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	504	4309	NIL	NIL
24011090	Other tobacco no stemmed /stripped	KGS	19200	6993	6435	69499	5445	40958	NIL	NIL
24012010	Flue cured Virginia tobacco partly / whollystemmed /stripped	KGS	58043	368664	58666	484996	101400	783103	39600	276519
24012040	Burley tobacco, partly/wholly stemmed /stripped	KGS	NIL	NIL	11600	82815	NIL	NIL	9600	98582
24012080	Tobacco for manufacture of hookah tobacco , partly /wholly stemmed /stripped	KGS	NIL	NIL	8500	38039	14650	68747	8640	55930
24012090	Other tobacco partly or wholly stemmed /stripped	KGS	1393527	12710418	1748717	15223800	2723639	19613138	24	1016
24013000	Tobacco refuse	KGS	78580	2743	96500	3834	7920	401	NIL	NIL
24021010	Cigar and cheroots	THN*	2281	883932	3565	1273174	871	443285	96	88553
24021020	Cigarillos	THN*	46	7948	32	6226	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24022010	Cigarettes other than filter, length <60mm	THN*	370	5581	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24022040	Filter (length 11mm or actual) cigarettes> 60mmbut<70mm	THN*	2	279	NIL	NIL	20	378	NIL	NIL
24022050	Filter(length 11mm or actual) cigarettes > 70mmbut <75mm	THN*	120231	5175214	530	24969	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24022060	Filter cigarettes of length (the length of filter being 11 mm) > 75 millimeters but < 85 mm	THN*	405687	9745629	127331	5022712	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24022090	Other cigarettes containing tobacco	THN*	66285	2639361	451033	17222933	434601	18473502	90686	3418327
24029010	Cigarettes of tobacco substitutes	THN*	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	892	NIL	NIL
24029090	Other cigarettes, cigarillos of tobacco substitutes	THN*	3596	209733	1826	58716	52660	1241863	19000	141137
24031110	Hookah or gudaku tobacco	THN*	135265	281463	197288	298707	398161	609692	84000	128053
24031190	Other water pipe tobacco	KGS	10975	151765	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24031910	Smoking mixtures for pipes and cigarettes	KGS	2660	39408	360	4816	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

24031990	Others of heading. 240319	KGS	10250	213003	51230	519803	47842	343949	7972	74946
24039100	Homogenized" or "reconstituted" tobacco	KGS	398751	1706942	273387	1034364	556055	1891543	1458	30379
24039910	Chewing tobacco	KGS	13306	22732	19641	44903	19484	113303	NIL	NIL
24039930	Jarda scented tobacco	KGS	500	4173	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24039950	Preparations containing snuff	KGS	8025	25921	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24039960	Tobacco extract and essence	KGS	NIL	NIL	6	777	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
24039970	Cut tobacco	KGS	735731	6640653	810830	7004920	823770	6580068	124650	933435
24039990	Other manufactured tobacco extracts and essences	KGS	10674	96137	20372	240487	6624	39813	180	7768
Grand Total (in US\$ Millions)					40.94		48.66		50.28	5.25

*THN: THOUSAND NUMBERS

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