

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2016

TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

185. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the India's share in the global trade of agricultural products is very low and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the quantum of agricultural products and other edible items imported as well as exported during each of the last three years and the current year, item and country-wise along with foreign exchange earned thereon;
- (c) whether there has been any instance of dumping of edible items, other essential items in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the strategy being adopted to reduce the dependency on imported foodgrains;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of the import of edible items on their prices in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the export of agricultural commodities has also affected the domestic supply and demand scenario and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to ensure proper domestic supply of these products and create a balance between their demand and supply in the domestic market?

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) As per World Trade Organization (WTO) International Trade Statistics, 2015 (based on trade in 2014), India's share in world exports of agricultural products was 2.5%. India ranks 7th among the leading exporters of agricultural products. Keeping in view the fact that India has a large domestic consumption base for agricultural products, India's share in the world agriculture trade cannot be termed as low.

- (b) The commodity wise details of India's major export and import of agricultural products (Top 10 products) are at **Annexure-I**. Country-wise details of export and import of most important agricultural products (top 5 countries for each of the top 5 commodities) are at **Annexure-II**.
- (c) Edible oils and pulses, which are in short supply in India, account for the bulk of India's import of agricultural products. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is making concerted efforts to increase production of these products through National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP). The Government has not come across any instances of dumping of essential agricultural commodities into India
- (d) No, Madam. The domestic prices of agricultural commodities depend on several factors such as demand and supply situation, quality, price support operations etc. Ascertaining the effect of a single factor i.e. imports on the domestic prices of agricultural commodities may not be feasible.
- (e) While framing the export policy for the agricultural products, the Government takes several factors into consideration such as availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, if any, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc.

ANNEXURE – I**Commodity-wise export of agricultural products (top 10 products)**Quantity in Thousands; Value in US \$ Million
(P) – Provisional

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	1,000,818.64	5,016.46	1,073,965.69	5,510.49	976,246.82	4,761.96	135,721.31	693.37
2	BUFFALO MEAT	TON	1,365.64	4,350.23	1,475.54	4,781.18	1,314.16	4,068.66	189.00	545.71
3	RICE -BASMATI	TON	3,754.10	4,864.69	3,698.93	4,516.28	4,044.83	3,477.35	749.54	584.81
4	SPICES	KGS	896,565.40	2,497.22	926,020.95	2,430.35	820,658.97	2,502.52	172,290.28	484.66
5	RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI)	TON	7,148.47	2,925.05	8,278.23	3,336.84	6,374.36	2,307.81	1,057.32	379.51
6	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE		1,947.70	3,637.53	1,142.53	1,900.19	1,346.50	1,937.87	115.70	162.62
7	SUGAR	TON	2,477.64	1,177.03	1,955.19	871.41	3,825.51	1,482.68	594.10	257.84
8	COFFEE	KGS	253,902.13	798.80	221,396.66	814.02	255,717.11	783.45	61,061.83	157.93
9	CASHEW	TON	120.74	842.30	134.57	909.26	103.13	768.07	12.22	100.48
10	FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	2,291.75	886.12	2,061.00	763.24	1,872.02	727.80	421.51	102.50
	OTHER PRODUCTS			15,870.20		12,872.92		9,334.75		1,482.29
	Total			42,865.63		38,706.18		32,152.92		4,951.72

Source: DGC&S

Commodity-wise import of agricultural products (top 10 products)Quantity in Thousands; Value in US \$ Million
(P) – Provisional

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	VEGETABLE OILS	TON	7,942.90	7,249.85	12,731.60	10,621.48	15,638.94	10,485.18	2,097.19	1,558.39
2	PULSES	TON	3,177.89	1,828.16	4,584.85	2,786.11	5,796.51	3,900.78	704.42	472.89
3	FRESH FRUITS	TON	769.14	1,273.44	866.15	1,565.20	835.19	1,685.74	182.97	231.43
4	CASHEW	TON	776.33	773.78	933.19	1,087.16	961.67	1,339.34	70.90	107.56
5	SPICES	KGS	155,577.43	571.36	163,094.90	717.78	190,681.32	820.60	32,753.60	130.45
6	NATURAL RUBBER	TON	360.27	906.41	442.13	818.29	458.38	715.12	57.59	75.18
7	SUGAR	TON	880.96	392.18	1,538.64	601.17	1,943.13	612.26	55.54	21.71
8	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		NA	341.26	NA	408.47	NA	443.12	NA	79.43
9	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE		180.97	394.47	259.43	508.80	231.59	393.63	47.76	84.33
10	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS		NA	244.47	NA	292.05	NA	274.47	NA	41.81
	OTHER PRODUCTS			1,001.68		1,156.85		1,277.46		163.83
	Total			14,977.06		20,563.36		21,947.70		2,967.01

Source: DGC&S

NA: Not Available

Country wise exports of top 5 items in India's agricultural export basket:**MARINE PRODUCTS**

Quantity: Thousand KGS; value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
U S A	110,017.41	1,267.84	276,383.01	1,457.50	227,736.09	1,326.85	20,190.10	183.36
VIETNAM	256,745.21	963.49	128,804.74	1,102.91	147,223.04	895.05	37,041.84	173.73
JAPAN	70,290.71	406.94	78,605.23	447.27	76,320.33	404.66	11,578.31	49.96
SPAIN	43,972.69	166.27	53,732.63	205.36	57,043.27	184.29	6,488.77	22.45
BELGIUM	25,037.22	214.59	50,471.95	202.99	49,297.23	172.79	2,052.34	14.06
OTHERS	494,755.40	1,997.33	485,968.13	2,094.46	418,626.86	1,778.32	58,369.95	249.81
Total	1,000,818.64	5,016.46	1,073,965.69	5,510.49	976,246.82	4,761.96	135,721.31	693.37

BUFFALO MEAT

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
VIETNAM	524.18	1,795.50	633.35	2,152.86	605.10	1,992.64	68.33	212.50
MALAYSIA	121.71	388.66	130.88	422.94	135.94	410.02	28.05	79.92
EGYPT	107.82	338.21	128.08	422.34	115.32	357.72	20.57	61.85
SAUDI ARAB	74.60	247.10	73.82	259.01	64.65	216.23	12.04	39.00
IRAQ	29.99	87.10	23.60	66.33	42.99	117.36	9.16	20.58
OTHERS	507.34	1,493.66	485.81	1,457.70	350.16	974.69	50.85	131.86
Total	1,365.64	4,350.23	1,475.54	4,781.18	1,314.16	4,068.66	189.00	545.71

RICE -BASMATI

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
SAUDI ARAB	826.12	1,108.84	966.30	1,187.91	948.85	842.22	176.98	136.72
IRAN	1,440.45	1,834.51	935.57	1,108.50	695.31	571.19	204.70	158.79
U ARAB EMTS	147.90	196.51	277.89	314.38	612.15	475.18	92.59	69.74
IRAQ	219.61	271.13	235.45	259.13	418.31	340.97	50.37	33.94
KUWAIT	175.54	247.94	166.47	250.53	180.73	211.68	30.54	28.50
OTHERS	944.48	1,205.76	1,117.25	1,395.83	1,189.48	1,036.11	194.36	157.12
Total	3,754.10	4,864.69	3,698.93	4,516.28	4,044.83	3,477.35	749.54	584.81

SPICES

Quantity: Thousand KGS; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
U S A	68,643.28	391.52	66,323.81	409.80	65,022.80	426.52	11,551.17	66.31
VIETNAM	98,114.82	175.38	122,863.19	210.17	104,192.43	219.20	27,877.99	67.09

CHINA	47,689.39	384.41	25,574.61	245.27	22,277.64	171.49	3,981.70	42.47
THAILAND	47,228.24	76.97	50,184.78	85.97	63,537.14	135.96	7,497.77	17.07
MALAYSIA	57,731.93	96.66	56,860.07	103.59	65,124.54	117.15	13,504.02	25.32
OTHERS	577,157.74	1,372.28	604,214.49	1,375.55	500,504.42	1,432.20	107,877.63	266.40
Total	896,565.40	2,497.22	926,020.95	2,430.35	820,658.97	2,502.52	172,290.28	484.66

Source: DGCI&S; (P) - Provisional

Annexure – II

RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI)

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
SENEGAL	651.98	195.73	765.02	226.03	905.97	244.13	123.04	32.39
BENIN	1,166.85	485.17	598.57	247.12	623.35	215.53	162.3	55.23
NEPAL	406.16	119.8	630.49	216.76	486.66	173.54	90.74	33.55
COTE D'IVOIRE	261.5	98.67	259.69	97.93	457.42	152.56	31.77	9.8
GUINEA	221.77	87.66	397.72	152.88	395.98	133.03	137.4	45.22
OTHERS	4,440.21	1,938.02	5,626.74	2,396.12	3,504.98	1,389.02	512.07	203.32
Total	7,148.47	2,925.05	8,278.23	3,336.84	6,374.36	2,307.81	1,057.32	379.51

Country-wise import of top 5 items in India's agricultural import basket:

VEGETABLE OILS

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value of US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
INDONESIA	3,544.42	3,014.00	4,930.88	3,887.70	5,988.52	3,631.50	676.00	483.08
MALAYSIA	1,665.85	1,424.51	3,294.71	2,587.90	3,839.59	2,295.99	502.17	346.51
ARGENTINA	1,091.68	1,135.70	1,738.59	1,582.68	3,024.23	2,246.20	539.47	412.52
UKRAINE	1,074.64	1,110.45	1,728.14	1,578.16	1,489.84	1,274.49	185.53	158.22
BRAZIL	225.74	228.17	440.11	408.19	760.55	570.35	105.88	81.51
OTHERS	340.57	337.02	599.17	576.85	536.21	466.65	88.14	76.55
Total	7,942.90	7,249.85	12,731.60	10,621.48	15,638.94	10,485.18	2,097.19	1,558.39

PULSES

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
CANADA	1,504.72	758.69	2,195.56	1,074.57	2,510.81	1,415.54	222.93	99.13
MYANMAR	667.15	459.39	931.33	803.00	721.98	817.45	129.31	164.04
AUSTRALIA	342.21	189.46	332.66	188.41	912.19	624.24	25.98	21.41
RUSSIA	215.62	90.33	236.89	103.16	503.49	217.57	101.47	40.38
U S A	195.85	112.44	312.23	168.38	259.08	151.89	41.11	20.90
OTHERS	252.34	217.85	576.18	448.59	888.96	674.09	183.62	127.03
Total	3,177.89	1,828.16	4,584.85	2,786.11	5,796.51	3,900.78	704.42	472.89

Annexure – II**FRESH FRUITS**

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
U S A	129.84	479.41	136.15	551.63	180.97	725	29.15	87.76
AFGHANISTAN	26.11	120.39	35.51	164.06	31.22	164.05	2.79	14.61
AUSTRALIA	22.25	106.03	19.65	102.81	25.26	158.47	1.49	6.12
IRAN	31.24	67.62	42	104.42	44.53	106.5	7.53	10.63
PAKISTAN	132.58	100.15	135.73	106.74	115.85	89.26	12.79	9.76
OTHERS	427.12	399.84	497.11	535.54	437.36	442.46	129.22	102.55
TOTAL	769.14	1,273.44	866.15	1,565.20	835.19	1,685.74	182.97	231.43

CASHEW

Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
COTE D'IVOIRE	209.27	176.95	341.64	354.09	338.20	423.48	32.07	46.97
GUINEA BISSAU	114.70	109.44	123.83	157.92	122.90	197.50	-	-
TANZANIA	112.16	149.37	140.35	203.74	116.57	191.49	11.11	17.66
BENIN	103.98	102.21	125.51	142.04	146.05	190.57	0.44	0.63
GHANA	96.34	88.21	64.27	69.44	68.82	88.34	11.12	17.17
OTHERS	139.88	147.60	137.59	159.93	169.13	247.96	16.16	25.13
Total	776.33	773.78	933.19	1,087.16	961.67	1,339.34	70.90	107.56

SPICES

Quantity: Thousand KGS; Value in US \$ million

Country	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
VIETNAM	25,553.89	64.75	39,746.17	154.04	29,121.21	120.57	5,746.17	27.31
SRI LANKA	15,405.15	97.62	9,538.61	91.46	13,143.91	116.37	812.25	6.9
MADAGASCAR	4,109.53	33.64	6,888.14	67.32	12,288.29	109.53	1,964.12	17.35
AFGHANISTAN	2,614.62	58.15	3,161.81	71.48	3,454.01	92.83	610.75	14.22
INDONESIA	6,634.22	28.59	11,625.08	47.6	19,151.95	72.54	1,878.22	6.53
OTHERS	101,260.02	288.61	92,135.09	285.88	113,521.95	308.76	21,742.09	58.14
Total	155,577.43	571.36	163,094.90	717.78	190,681.32	820.60	32,753.60	130.45