

Export/Import of Honey

†321. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries have imposed restriction on import of Indian honey;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether honey is being imported in the country; and

(d) if so, the quantum of honey imported during the last five years along with the names of the countries from where it was imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per the EXIM Policy natural honey is freely importable.

(d) The quantum of honey and the countries from where it was imported during the last five years are as under:—

| Year | Quantity in thousands Kg. | Country |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|
| 1999-2000 | 27.29 | Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, UAE, UK and USA |
| 2000-2001 | 1163.00 | |
| 2001-2002 | 1098.13 | |
| 2002-2003 | 3386.76 | |
| 2003-2004 | 154.58 | |

(Source: DOC, NIC, Export Import Data Bank)

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