

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2023

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF FOOD ITEMS

703. SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of food items such as oilseeds, edible oils, pulses imported in the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of key food items exported from the country during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote import substitution and promote export of food items?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) The details of food items, including oilseeds, edible oils and pulses, imported into the country during the last three years are at Annexure-I.
- (b) The details of food items exported from the country during the last three years are at Annexure-II.
- (c) Major food products imported by India are Vegetable Oils, Fresh Fruits, Cashew, Pulses etc. The import of these products can be attributed to our huge domestic demand due to large population base. Moreover, some of these products such as cashews etc., are imported not only for the domestic consumption, but also for onward exports after value addition. To reduce dependency on imported edible oils and pulses, the Government has been implementing various programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO – OP) to improve the production of pulses and essentials edible oils in the country. Besides, under programmes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), funds are being provided to states for improving the production of these commodities.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a statutory organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, is engaged in promoting exports of food products. APEDA has been providing assistance to the exporters of food products under various components of its Export Promotion Scheme.

The Department of Commerce also provides financial assistance to promote exports, including exports of food products, through Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, and Export Promotion Schemes of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tea Board, Coffee Board, Spices Board etc.

Further, a Farmer Connect Portal has been developed for providing a platform for farmers, Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs) and cooperatives to interact with exporters. Buyer Seller Meets (BSMs) are organized in the clusters to provide export-market linkages. Regular interactions, through video conferences, are held with the Indian Missions abroad, to assess and tap export opportunities. Country specific BSMs, through Indian Missions, are also organized.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 703 for answer on 08.12.2023

INDIA'S IMPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS

Qty. in '000 Units; Value in USD Million

	Units	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
		Qty.	Qty.	Qty.
TEA	KGS	38585.22	30343.05	29986.60
COFFEE	KGS	78496.48	84722.61	108604.19
RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	TON	4.76	10.58	6.71
WHEAT	TON	0.00	0.05	13.57
OTHER CEREALS	TON	134.79	112.06	305.24
PULSES	TON	2466.16	2699.69	2496.17
SPICES	KGS	344211.35	364067.63	386137.80
CASHEW	TON	834.40	939.20	1332.18
SESAME SEEDS	KGS	103235.81	21095.94	64108.32
NIGER SEEDS	KGS	5918.64	5646.00	1064.00
GROUNDNUT	TON	1.04	0.75	1.20
OTHER OIL SEEDS	TON	506.88	701.48	574.07
VEGETABLE OILS	TON	13540.01	14278.16	15745.14
SUGAR	TON	1964.00	359.62	572.04
FRESH FRUITS	TON	1211.83	1552.49	1549.87
FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	72.90	45.99	18.15
PROCESSED VEGETABLES	KGS	18265.59	20714.02	21163.11
PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	KGS	44436.76	63163.84	62890.75
CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	113.33	124.79	107.90
COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	89091.11	111187.61	128654.28
MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	2532.74	3373.80	3882.08
MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	0.01	0.05	0.22
OTHER MEAT	TON	0.50	0.91	0.96
PROCESSED MEAT	TON	0.14	0.17	0.05
DAIRY PRODUCTS	KGS	18534.30	14573.92	15897.57
POULTRY PRODUCTS	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	101424.67	76618.46	63016.33
Source: DGCI&S				
* Quantitative details are not available for these products.				

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 703 for answer on 08.12.2023

INDIA'S EXPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS

Qty. in '000 Units; Value in USD Million

DESCRIPTION	Units	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
TEA	KGS	212687.66	756.26	208614.16	751.07	241154.03	817.60
COFFEE	KGS	245209.80	719.66	333098.94	1020.74	316095.08	1146.18
RICE -BASMOTI	TON	4630.21	4018.41	3943.72	3537.49	4561.21	4787.65
RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	TON	13149.21	4810.80	17288.96	6133.63	17792.14	6356.71
WHEAT	TON	2154.97	567.93	7244.84	2122.13	4695.80	1520.46
OTHER CEREALS	TON	3075.66	705.38	3859.36	1087.39	3628.12	1194.07
PULSES	TON	276.93	265.57	387.21	359.41	762.67	661.41
SPICES	KGS	1607058.51	3983.98	1427718.15	3896.03	1312263.29	3785.36
CASHEW	TON	70.11	420.43	75.45	453.08	59.59	356.31
SESAME SEEDS	KGS	273260.32	425.64	242145.59	407.15	228654.70	425.91
NIGER SEEDS	KGS	19591.23	21.58	6030.08	8.30	7742.97	10.21
GROUNDNUT	TON	638.32	727.21	514.12	629.28	669.51	831.62
OTHER OIL SEEDS	TON	84.57	61.24	60.24	68.92	58.23	69.95
VEGETABLE OILS	TON	302.22	604.12	98.37	221.01	201.48	438.29
SUGAR	TON	7517.92	2789.91	10457.08	4602.65	11755.64	5770.83
FRESH FRUITS	TON	973.18	768.54	1166.44	877.22	1096.09	864.62
FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	2339.68	723.97	2468.40	815.26	3383.59	926.43
PROCESSED VEGETABLES	KGS	367098.92	424.70	308275.31	412.29	366511.83	508.97
PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	KGS	532870.72	695.56	629704.18	778.30	620581.92	908.62
CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	403.99	636.97	415.53	652.49	480.75	752.66
COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	25776.77	149.78	27323.31	153.68	34250.09	154.54
MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	397056.20	207.13	699565.19	305.49	637759.06	289.02
MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	NA*	NA*	866.04	NA*	1169.05	NA*	1421.64
BUFFALO MEAT	TON	1085.61	3171.13	1175.33	3303.78	1175.53	3193.69
SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	7.11	44.64	8.70	60.11	10.08	67.93
OTHER MEAT	TON	0.89	2.47	1.95	6.11	0.76	2.45
PROCESSED MEAT	TON	0.78	1.71	0.47	1.55	0.34	1.59
DAIRY PRODUCTS	KGS	118334.27	323.09	191954.02	634.89	156954.93	589.32
POULTRY PRODUCTS	NA*	NA*	58.70	NA*	71.04	NA*	134.04
MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	1167758.16	5962.39	1398014.07	7772.36	1754204.51	8077.98
TOTAL			34914.95		42311.88		46066.06
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