

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SUPARI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production and demand of supari(in MTs) in the country;
- (b) whether the country is exporting/importing supari to/from other countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve the production of supari in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) The details of production of arecanut in the country of are given below:

(Production in thousand metric tons)

Year	Production	Demand
2003-04	439.15	465.31
2004-05	456.64	485.06
2005-06	483.10	532.92
2006-07	472.05	543.39

(Source:Directorate of Arecanut & Spices Development)provisional estimates

- (b) Yes,Sir. The demand figures are not available. Hence, demand has been estimated as production plus imports minus exports.

- (c) Details of export from and import into India of arecanut are given below:

(Quantity in metric tons; Value in Rupees in crore)

	Export	Import		
Year	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value

2003-04 1809 11.74 27957 38.53

2004-05 3695 20.66 32124 43.95

2005-06 3458 23.31 53275 72.28

2006-07 5336 22.93 76678 110.65
Source: DGCIS, Kolkata.

(d) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation have informed that measures to enhance production of arecanut, as such, are not being taken by the Government at present.