

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4856
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2012
IMPORT OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether arecanut is being imported from other countries including Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Country-wise, year-wise for the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the problems of arecanut growers in the country due to fall in the prices and production of arecanut in domestic market; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problems of arecanut growers and to ensure adequate prices for their produce?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. Arecanut is imported from several countries including Malaysia and Indonesia. The details of imports, country-wise and year-wise for the last 3 years are as follows :

Country	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		Bangladesh	6700376	18.90	7699590	24.7613	33238005	116.5304
	Quantity (in Kg)	Value (in Crores)	Quantity (in Kg)	Value (in Crores)	Quantity (in Kg)	Value (in Crores)							
Indonesia	28802223	59.99	23232175	41.6018	23292572	52.0504							
Kenya	15680	0.06	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil							
Malaysia	100000	0.17	88000	0.1246	377	0.0048							
Myanmar	208000	0.52	2207000	8.1358	1028000	3.6864							
Nepal	3298200	11.84	5365500	17.8038	14604029	71.5208							
Singapore	436000	0.60	211000	0.3012	Nil	Nil							
Sri Lanka	2746786	13.33	1360176	6.565	2314507	10.793							
Tanzania	18000	0.03	17836	0.0267	Nil	Nil							
Thailand	2450418	4.55	1610326	3.0648	1226540	3.1257							
USA	666	0.03	Nil	Nil	68	0.0016							
UAE	Nil	Nil	14234	0.0227	270194	0.9863							
Vietnam	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13000	0.0477							
Total	44776349	110.02	41805837	102.4077	76041392	258.8251							

(c)&(d) No major decline in the production and prices of Arecanut has been observed in the last 3 years. Details are as under:

Year	Production (tons)	Average Price (Rs/Quintal)	Kozhikode (Dry arecanut)	Mangalore (New Supari)
2008-09	514,	300	6911	6932
2009-10	527,	500	6063	7635
2010-11	514,	400	6846	7377