

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

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EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether India's share in the world trade of agricultural commodities is low and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total quantity of the agricultural commodities including rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and sugar exported/imported alongwith the revenue generated from it during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise, value-wise and item-wise;
- (c) whether the export of these agricultural commodities have affected the domestic demand and supply;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage of foodgrains stock like wheat and rice permitted to be exported in case of bumper production and shortage of storage capacity;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to permit the export of non-Basmati varieties of rice in addition to the Basmati rice, wheat and sugar; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of agricultural commodities and promote agro based industries in different States including Bihar?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam, as per United Commodity Trade Statistics Database (UNCOMTRADE) 2010, India's share is only 1.48% of global agricultural trade. India's share in world agricultural trade is relatively low. The small share is primarily on account of low land holding size, low productivity, large domestic consumption, constraints of supply chain and marketing linkages as well as low level of processing.

(b) The details of export and import of agricultural commodities from India is as under:

EXPORT

(Quantity in Ton, Value in Million USD)

ITEM	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	QTY	Val	QTY	Val	QTY	Val
TEA	207532	623.29	238336	736.45	324799	859.66
COFFEE	157414	429.74	232627	661.77	278937	952.62
PULSES	99915	86.75	208031	190.52	174205	227.58
RICE-BASMATI	2016871	2289.35	2370681	2493.92	3211843	3217.13
RICE (NON BASMATI)	139546	76.38	100681	50.86	4099014	1725.14
WHEAT	30	0.01	397	0.15	741191	202.18

OTHER CEREALS	2892416	625.71	3220093	803.61	4072369	1125.23
SPICES	663206	1301.60	762713	1768.08	931257	2741.12
SUGAR	44736	23.20	1714372	1198.92	2747365	1841.06
CASHEW	117980	591.35	105755	619.23	131787	915.24
SESAME SEEDS	215733	316.15	398441	507.25	399411	553.18
GROUNDNUT	340256	302.42	433762	480.45	853080	1093.72
GUERGAM MEAL	218480	240.70	441612	646.08	706963	3321.61
OIL MEALS	4671135	1658.83	6936933	2437.90	7436223	2413.68
CASTOR OIL	397997	461.63	424485	654.00	492595	971.76
NIGER SEEDS	6004	5.10	12863	9.85	28225	24.83
FRUITS/ VEGETABLE SEEDS	8883	30.57	11622	40.52	17655	59.39
FRESH FRUITS	479.55	478.63	523.32			
FRESH VEGETABLES	621.82	559.53	597.60			
PROCESSED VEGETABLES	158.68	167.88	221.33			
PROCESSED FRUITS & JUICE	245.04	228.64	343.88			
TOTAL AGRI. EXPORTS	10568.23	14734.24	23931.26			

(Source: DGC&IS)

EU, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Vietnam, USA etc. are some prominent destinations of Indian agricultural products.

IMPORT

(Quantity in Ton, Value in Million USD)

ITEMS	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	QTY	Val	QTY	Val	QTY	Val
WHEAT	164383	50.37	185280	55.46	22	0.02
RICE	65	0.08	219	0.24	1080	1.21
OTHER CEREALS	33691	16.38	30680	13.12	15356	6.42
CEREAL PREPARATION	40838	39.76	37095	50.26	46249	62.83
PULSES	3509569	2077.90	2698657	1565.44	3307867	1821.95
TEA	34460	58.21	20823	44.32	22061	44.87

CASHEW NUTS	755956	639.58	529734	577.84	809372	1135.59
FRUITS & NUT EXCL	607.27	801.28	939.78			
CASHEW NUTS						
SPICES	153398	302.55	113332	342.16	124332	442.21
SUGAR	2551416	1271.54	1198384	610.18	99696	65.01
OIL SEEDS	38.92	25.47	20.32			
VEGETABLE OIL	8033924	5600.49	6905431	6551.04	8429076	9665.44
TOTAL AGRI IMPORTS	10703.13	10636.83	14205.65			

(Source: DGC&IS)

India imports agricultural products mainly from Australia, Canada, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia Brazil and Ghana.

(c) & (d) The export of foodgrains depends on availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, domestic food security, domestic & international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness.

(e) The export of non-basmati rice from privately held stocks without any quantitative restriction or price restriction is already permitted since 9th September, 2011.

(f) The Government is taking steps to encourage export of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Further, in order to boost export of Indian products, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative(MAI), Assistance to State for Development Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana, Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence, etc. Trade delegations are sent aboard and Buyer-Seller meets are organized towards this end. Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the administrative control of the department of Commerce is also implementing various Schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost the overall agricultural exports.