

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1149
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2013
IMPORT OF ARECA NUT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether arecanut is imported from other countries including Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details of the total arecanut imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) whether there has been an adverse impact of such import on the prices of arecanut in the domestic market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken by the Government to protect the interests of areca nut growers in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The details of total Areca Nut imported from all countries including Bangladesh and Sri Lanka is given below:

COUNTRY	YEAR:2009-10	YEAR:2010-11	YEAR:2011-12	YEAR:2012-13 (APR`12 TO DEC`12)				
	QTY (KG)	VALUE (INR)	QTY (KG)	VALUE (INR)	QTY (KG)	VALUE (INR)	QTY (KG)	VALUE (INR)

TANZANIA REP	17836	267304	17000	589298	18000	1399008		
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BANGLADESH PR	7699590	247613270	33238005	1165304188	55072898	2010210819	53263741	2782302406
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INDONESIA	23232175	416018209	23292572	520503683	6467226	266535181	1853550	129954465
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MALAYSIA	88000	1246224	377	47697				
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MYANMAR	2207000	81357596	1028000	36864000	256000	9241920	3374200	145205560
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NEPAL	5365500	178038323	14604029	715208216	8125416	292621518	834220	31165327
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SINGAPORE	211000	3012119	72000	6174567				
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SRI LANKA DSR	1360176	65650270	2314507	107930271	2400296	136424418	1989623	187360192
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THAILAND	1610326	30647952	1226540	31257479	126510	5547437	528800	43738853
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U ARAB EMTS	14234	227088	270194	9863498	30000	913409		
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USA	68	16247	408	391741				
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PAKISTAN IR	54000	771162	174000	6247475				
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VIETNAM SOC REP
13000 477156

DENMARK 100 8510

CHINA P RP 648000 25321250

JAPAN 58000 2328316

AUSTRIA 13899 543458

FINLAND 160000 5843200

FRANCE 160000 5843200

GERMANY 178140 9553545

SPAIN 15600 552616

TURKEY 80000 3060000 32040 2877160

KOREA RP 18005 1748736

SAUDI ARAB 54000 4316177

U K 18000 1628000

TOTAL 41805837 1024078355 76041392 2588252107 73982985 2781377060 62056587 3338262192

(c) The following data shows that import has not adversely impacted the domestic price of Areca nut:

(Rs. / Quintal)
Year Kozhikode (Dry Areca nut)

2008-09 6911
2009-10 6083
2010-11 6846
2011-12 12553
2012-13 13252
(April to January)

(d) The minimum import price of Areca nut has been enhanced from Rs.35/- to Rs.75/- per Kilogram w.e.f. 14.8.2012.