

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

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

- (a) the details of the total quantum of almonds produced, consumed, exported and imported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the specific steps being taken by the Government to promote the production and export of almonds from the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to permit the export of coconut oil through all the ports in the country and if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) the quantum of coconut oil exported from the country during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) : The quantum of almonds produced, exported and imported during the last three years and the current year is as under:

(Quantity in MT)

Year	Production	Export	Import
2009-10	60.972	67,149.805	
2010-11	14,000	125.405	75,211.338
2011-12	4,300	60.065	88,318.390
2012-13	3,670##	19.734#	68,072.608#

#Provisional for April to December, 2012; subject to change ##1st Estimate

Major portion of the domestic consumption of almonds is met through imports.

(b): Export of Almonds is free. Government is also providing incentive on export of almonds under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojna (VKGUY).

(c): Through Notification No. 32 dated 05.02.2013 export of coconut oil has been permitted from all EDI ports and through Land Custom Stations.

(d): The quantum of Coconut oil exported during the last three years and the current year is as under:

(Quantity in MT)

Year	Quantity of Coconut oil export
2009-10	5,080.975
2010-11	4,342.571
2011-12	6,521.686
2012-13	5,170.614#

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