

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

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EXPORT OF COCONUT OIL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to boost the export of coconut oil from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of coconut oil exported during each of the last three years and the current year along with total estimated potential for the export of coconut oil from the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote the export of coconut oil particularly shipment through the ports?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) Details of exports of coconut oil during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. In lakhs)
2009-10	5,080.98	4,002.95
2010-11	4,342.57	4,008.98
2011-12	6,521.68	8,687.26
2012-13 (Apr-Dec)	5,170.62	6,538.70

Source: DGCIS

The export potential of agricultural and food products, such as coconut oil, depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the domestic requirements, requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, if any, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness etc. and hence can not be quantified.

The Government, vide Notification No. 32(RE-2012)2009-14 dated 5th February 2013, has allowed export of coconut oil, which was allowed only through Kochi port earlier, from all EDI ports and from Land Customs Stations (LCS) to be notified separately. The Coconut Development Board, as Export Promotion Council for coconut (except coir) is taking various steps like mounting trade delegations, participation in international trade fairs etc. to promote the export of coconut oil. Also coconut oil exports are eligible for Duty Drawback of 2 percent on F.O.B. value.