

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

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Export/Import of Dry Fruits and their Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- a) the quantum and value of dry fruits including cashew and their products exported and imported from/to the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- b) the benefits/facilities available to exporters of such products, particularly of cashew products;
- c) the further measures taken by the Government to boost export of dry fruits and providing more benefits/facilities to their exporters;
- d) whether any import duty has been imposed on the said products and there is any proposal to raise it further; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) the quantum and value of dry fruits including cashew (ITC HS Code 08013100) and their products exported and imported from/to the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise (top 5), are given below:

(i) Export

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Crore									
COUNTRY	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16					
(Apr-May)									
Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value					
VIETNAM	4,354 23.34	3,976 22.19	15,875 134.81	54 68					
PAKISTAN	21,330 103.24	18,339 138.80	15,253 193.70	3,058 33.28					
SAUDI ARABIA	6,971 50.53	4,166 33.47	4,238 32.79	640 4.49					
BANGLADESH	10,694 18.95	13,489 31.60	3,990 14.95	249 2.43					
U A E	9,342 82.84	5,476 54.30	2,918 27.32	640 7.36					
OTHERS	35,231 249.20	32,539 245.94	21,713 176.71	5,314 40.57					
TOTAL	87,922 528.10	77,985 526.30	63,987 580.28	9,955 88.81					

(Source: DGCI&S)

(ii) Import

COUNTRY	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16					
(Apr-May)									
Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value					
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,68,306 1,367.11	2,09,201 1,058.09	3,41,642 2,130.73	78,744 605.30					
TANZANIA	1,45,107 1,052.26	1,11,934 892.17	1,40,330 1,261.49	12,799 109.31					
PAKISTAN	1,07,531 441.44	1,28,635 589.34	1,31,536 604.09	14,540 70.16					
BENIN	1,54,834 871.53	1,03,979 608.16	1,25,468 851.76	34,299 280.03					
GUINEA BISSAU	1,09,627 764.90	1,14,702 676.32	1,23,834 964.08	--					
OTHERS	2,36,235 1,535.72	2,49,132 1,614.74	2,25,690 1,794.24	51,188 423.36					
TOTAL	10,21,640 6,032.96	9,17,583 5,438.82	10,88,500 7,606.39	1,91,570 1,488.16					

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Crore

(b)&(c) The Agricultural Processed and Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organization under the Department of Commerce, provides financial assistance/subsidy to the exporters under the Agriculture Promotion Plan Scheme under components like Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development etc. to promote export of APEDA's scheduled products including fruits and dry fruits.

Further, the Government has recently launched a new scheme namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters are incentivized for export of their goods/products to a specified markets including dry fruits. In addition, 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) etc. to boost export of agri products which includes dry fruits also.

(d) & (e) The import duty on dry fruits is given as under. Import duty is reviewed by the Government from time to time depending upon the requirements of that time.

Name of the nut CTH Customs Duty

Coconuts 0801 11 00/0801 12 70%
Brazil nuts (In-shell/Shelled) 0801 21 00/22 00 30%
Cashew nuts(In-shell) 0801 31 00 nil
Cashew kernel, broken 0801 32 10 45% or Rs 60/Kg whichever is higher
Cashew kernel, whole 0801 32 20 45% or Rs 75/Kg whichever is higher
Cashew kernel, broken 0801 32 90 45% or Rs 75/Kg whichever is higher
Almonds(In-shell) 0802 11 00 Rs 35/Kg
Almonds(Shelled) 0802 12 00 Rs 65/Kg
Hazelnuts(In-shell/Shelled) 0802 21 00/22 00 10%
Walnuts(In-shell/Shelled) 0802 31 00/32 00 30%
chestnuts(In-shell/Shelled) 0802 41 00/42 00 30%
Pistachios(In-shell/Shelled) 0802 51 00/52 00 10%
Macadamia nuts(In-shell/Shelled) 0802 61 00/62 00 30%
Kola nuts(masticatory and colour base in beverages) 0802 70 00 30%
Others 08029000 30%
(Source: Department of Revenue)
