

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

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EXPORT IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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

- (a) the quantum and value of agricultural products exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, commodity/item and country-wise;
- (b) whether India's share in the global trade in agricultural products is very low and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the measures taken by the Government to boost it;
- (c) whether the price of import of agricultural products has been higher than their Minimum Support Price (MSP) and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether India has emerged as the world's largest exporter of rice and there is any plan to export different varieties of rice namely Ponni, Mutta and Sona Mazoori and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the total potential of the agricultural sector and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The quantum and value of important agricultural products exported and imported during each of the last three years, commodity-wise and country-wise (top 5 countries) are at Annexure – I and Annexure – II respectively. Data for the current year is not available.
- (b) According to UNCOMTRADE data, the share of India in global agricultural trade was 2.09% during 2012 which cannot be termed as very low especially in view of the fact that India is the second most populous country in the world with very high domestic consumption level.
- (c) Depending, inter-alia, upon factors influencing national and international demand and supply, prices of imported agriculture have been varying from time to time compared to its declared MSP (wherever declared). For example, India is importing pulses in significant quantity. MSP of pulses in 2013-14 and their average import price in the year is given as under:
- | Pulses      | Minimum Support Price in 2013-14 (Rs/ Qtl) | Average unit Price of imported pulses in 2013-14 (Rs/Qtl) |
|-------------|--|---|
| Chickpeas   | 3100                                       | 3059  |
| Lentil      | 2950                                       | 4490  |
| Arhar (Tur) | 4300                                       | 4150  |
| Moong       | 4500                                       | 6122  |
| Urad        | 4300                                       | 4081  |
- (d) Yes, Madam. India has emerged as the largest exporter of rice in last three years that is 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14. Export of all varieties of Basmati and Non Basmati rice is freely allowed. However, export data is not maintained separately for individual varieties.
- (e) No specific study has been conducted to access the total potential of the agricultural sector in recent times.