

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5141
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2019

MAIZE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- whether the Government is aware of severe shortage of maize production in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government is also aware that there is inordinate delay in import of maize causing severe problems to the poultry industry;
- if so, the reasons as to why in spite of poultry industry's requirement of 20 lakh MT, the Government has permitted only 1 lakh MT import;
- whether any representation from poultry association has been received in the Ministry for allocation of wheat and broken rice for poultry industry; and
- if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) The production scenario of maize in the country during past four years are as under :-
(Qty. in Million Ton)

Season	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 *
Kharif	16.05	18.92	20.12	20.63
Rabi	6.51	6.98	8.63	7.19
Total	22.57	25.90	28.75	27.82

* As per 3rd Advance Estimate and Final Estimate is still awaited.

As per the above Table, there is no major shortfall in maize in the country.

(b) & (c) : Import of Maize (Corn), other than seed quality, is permissible annually under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme upto 5 lakh MT under 'zero' customs duty by the State Trading Enterprises (STEs). But this TRQ Scheme could not be operationalised due to the Order of Hon'ble High Court of Hyderabad. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), in consultation with the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, has allowed import of 1 lakh MT of feed grade maize (corn) under the TRQ Scheme @ 15% customs duty by two STEs viz. NAFED & MMTC and meant only for actual users. Import for trading purpose has not been allowed. Another 4 lakh MT of feed grade maize (corn) for import @ 15% customs duty only for actual users has been notified by DGFT. With this, a total quantity of 5 lakh MT of maize (corn) under TRQ Scheme gets exhausted in 2019-20.

(d) & (e): No representation from poultry association has been received in the Ministry for allocation of wheat and broken rice for poultry industry. However, a reference is received in the Ministry from Hon'ble Member of Parliament requesting to provide subsidized wheat as alternate to corn in the feed to poultry farmers in Tamil Nadu from Food Corporation of India.
