

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *249
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2023

IMPORT OF AGRI COMMODITIES

***249. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:**

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

- (a) the quantum and procurement rate of chickpeas, soyabean, maize, pulses and oilseeds imported since the year 2020 till date;
- (b) the import duty levied thereon; and
- (c) the steps being taken to make India self- sufficient in these agricultural produce?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 249 for answer on 20.12.2023 regarding “Import of Agri Commodities”:

(a) The details regarding quantum and procurement rate of pulses (including chickpeas), oilseeds (including soyabean) and maize, since the year 2020-21 till date, are at Annexure.

(b) The current import duty leviable on MFN basis on imports of the above commodities is detailed below:

Commodity	Basic Customs Duty	Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess	Total
Oil seeds#	30%	Nil	30%
Soyabean Seeds	45%	Nil	45%
Peas (Other than Yellow Peas)	10%	40%	50%
Yellow Peas*	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kabuli Chana	10%	30%	40%
Bengal Grams (Desi Chana)	10%	50%	60%
Urad	Nil	Nil	Nil
Moong	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lentils**	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tur Whole	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chickpeas	10%	50%	60%
Maize (Corn), other than seed quality	50%	Nil	50%

Source: **CBIC**

* Yellow Peas, falling under HS Code 0713 10 10, has been exempted from whole of applicable BCD and AIDC up to and inclusive of the 31st March, 2024

**On Lentils, as per present relevant customs notifications, MFN Rate with Nil BCD and Nil AIDC has been made applicable up to the 31st March 2024.

Oilseeds falling under Chapter 12 of the First Schedule of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, in general, attracts a Basic Custom Duty (BCD) of 30% except few oilseeds like Soyabean seeds, etc. However, a concessional BCD of 5% *ad valorem* is available to Oilseeds subject to the condition that the importer gives a declaration that such material is for the purposes of sowing or planting only.

Note: In addition, Social Welfare Surcharge, wherever applicable, is also leviable on aforesaid commodities.

(c) The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 to augment the availability of vegetable oils and to reduce the import of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds (Groundnut, Soybean, Rapeseed & Mustard, Sunflower, Safflower, Sesame, Niger, Linseed and Castor) and area expansion of Oil Palm & Tree Borne Oilseeds (Olive, Mahua, Kokum, Wild Apricot, Neem, Jojoba, Karanja, Simaroba, Tung, Cheura and Jatropha) in the country. The NFSM-Oilseeds is being implemented through the Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture in 29 States/UTs in the country.

The Government has launched National Mission on Edible Oil (NMEO)-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) in August 2021 with the aim to enhance the edible oils availability in the country by harnessing Oil Palm area expansion, increasing Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production and to reduce the imports of edible oil. The Mission will bring additional area of 6.5 lakh ha under Oil Palm plantation with 3.28 lakh ha in north-eastern states and 3.22 in Rest of India over the period of 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The NMEO- OP is being implemented in 15 States of the country.

As a result of the measures taken by the Government, the production of oilseeds has increased steadily over the past 5 years, as detailed below:

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Production (Lakh MT)	315.22	332.19	359.46	379.63	413.55

The Government has been taking measures to increase production of pulses, including chickpeas, through National Food Security Mission (NFSM), focusing on area expansion, productivity enhancement and soil fertility improvement. The measures taken by the Government to attain self-sufficiency in pulses have shown some success as production of pulses has increased over the past 5 years:

					Qty. in Lakh MT
Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Production	220.75	230.26	254.63	273.02	260.59

As far as maize is concerned, India is self-sufficient as India is a net exporter of maize with exports during 2022-23 amounting to USD 1116.94 million.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 249 for answer on 20.12.2023

INDIA'S IMPORTS OF OILSEEDS, PULSES AND MAIZE									
Qty in MT; Value in USD Million; Unit Rate in USD/MT									
HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (Apr - Oct)	
		Qty	Unit Rate	Qty	Unit Rate	Qty	Unit Rate	Qty	Unit Rate
OILSEEDS (INCLUDING SOYA BEANS)									
12011000	SOYA BEANS SEED	9671.26	664.09	237.42	982.20	0.00	0.00	0.02	2117.65
12019000	OTHER SOYA BEANS	450971.21	576.58	655895.48	846.08	522553.21	797.36	511944.16	617.27
12023090	OTHER GROUNDNUT SEEDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	1470.59	0.00	0.00
12024190	OTHER GROUNDNUT IN SHELL	0.05	2640.00	0.15	1693.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12024210	GROUNDNUT KERNELS, H.P.S	1036.10	1026.30	729.50	1674.27	1163.72	1347.78	1164.00	1280.35
12024220	GROUNDNUT KERNELS, OTHER	0.00	0.00	15.60	2297.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12024290	GROUNDNUT OTHER	0.00	0.00	3.00	2164.67	39.37	954.87	0.00	0.00
12030000	COPRA	12970.76	997.04	8589.19	1244.21	1194.93	807.31	4632.10	815.84
12040010	LINSEED W/N BROKEN OF SEED QLTY	0.00	0.00	79.24	891.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12040090	OTHER LINSEED W/N BROKEN	186.63	863.63	16.35	908.01	40.00	1823.10	78.34	1373.79
12051000	LOW ERVUCACID RAPE OR COLZA SEEDS	21.00	617.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12059000	OTHER RAPE/COLZA SEEDS W/N BROKEN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12060010	SUNFLOWER SEEDS W/N BROKEN OF SEED QLTY	1478.48	635.25	1132.52	699.34	820.44	531.83	472.40	543.78
12060090	OTHER SUNFLOWER SEEDS W/N BROKEN	1477.50	613.30	2429.34	700.91	3019.66	769.38	2163.67	673.03
12073090	OTHER CASTOR OIL SEEDS	0.00	0.00	0.35	1454.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12074010	SESAMUM SEED W/N BROKEN OF SEED QLTY	0.00	0.00	180.00	1476.55	114.00	1525.64	0.00	0.00
12074090	OTHER SESAMUM SEEDS W/N BROKEN	103235.81	1181.06	20915.94	1395.44	63994.32	1556.44	45083.57	1655.57
12075090	OTHER MUSTARD SEEDS W/N BROKEN	320.48	626.95	2.96	1464.71	250.80	1245.19	143.52	1075.85
12076090	OTHER SAFFLOWER	91.00	655.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12079100	POPPY SEEDS W/N BROKEN	879.00	1973.78	0.00	0.00	24728.20	3282.47	0.00	0.00
12079930	NIGER SEED W/N BROKEN	5918.64	923.90	5646.00	966.10	1064.00	971.38	1254.00	1176.94
12079940	KOKUM/THE DRIED PERICRAP OF THE FRUITS OF GARCINIA INDICA	1142.00	916.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12079990	OTHER OIL SEEDS AND OLEGINOUS FRUITS W/N BROKEN	42753.76	492.70	41680.58	475.10	47627.44	537.68	13350.06	839.72
	TOTAL:	632153.66		737553.62		666610.11		580285.83	
PULSES (INCLUDING CHICKPEAS)									
7131010	YELLOW PEAS	33831.58	285.65	251.69	274.04	538.90	256.58	0.00	0.00
7131020	GREEN PEAS	0.00	0.00	594.36	418.59	319.54	426.13	0.00	0.00

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HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (Apr - Oct)	
		Qty	Unit Rate	Qty	Unit Rate	Qty	Unit Rate	Qty	Unit Rate
7131090	OTHER PEAS	12500.00	282.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7132010	KABULI CHANA (CHICKPEAS)	153163.29	505.34	61314.34	734.45	1734.90	951.57	72060.64	869.62
7132020	BENGAL GRAM (DESI CHANA)	140991.96	650.38	140486.23	708.45	59255.68	558.52	74958.86	666.64
7132090	OTHER CHANA	373.46	598.27	301.09	971.01	1932.00	618.43	25.86	1030.66
7133110	BEANS OF THE SPP VIGNA MUNGO (L.) HEPPER	334790.56	860.69	611611.46	902.99	524813.40	885.46	321209.64	1016.62
7133190	BEANS OF THE SPP VIGNA RADIATA (L.) WILCZEK	81842.36	942.56	195557.11	879.75	31901.11	699.67	4010.00	574.04
7133200	SMALL RED BEANS DRIED AND SHLD	0.00	0.00	0.88	2112.50	0.00	0.00	22.00	1195.00
7133300	KIDNY BENS INCL WHITE PEA BENS DRIED AND SHLD	106362.94	1052.33	137938.15	1181.21	82736.11	1182.60	61845.35	1188.77
7133910	GUAR SEEDS	99.50	202.53	8.50	1605.18	25.00	606.96	0.00	0.00
7133990	OTHER DRIED LEGUMINUS VEGETABLES	12156.61	775.99	13407.38	827.08	27554.68	849.04	26955.76	819.62
7134000	LENTILS (MOSUR), DRIED AND SHLD	1116174.21	557.62	667430.90	792.21	858437.31	763.57	945769.29	752.22
7135000	BROAD BEANS AND HORSE BEANS DRIED AND SHLD	7451.90	482.92	19336.72	415.22	5307.04	461.34	12731.40	416.09
7136000	PIGEON PEAS (CAJANUS CAJAN)	442623.24	688.38	840463.63	762.54	894420.52	711.12	439999.01	1008.00
7139010	OTHR DRIED AND SHLD LUGUMINOUS VEGTBLS, SPLIT	23510.18	492.08	10239.13	722.12	7192.05	755.62	3041.46	802.46
7139090	OTHER OF HDG. 071390	377.77	763.97	742.85	522.27	10.87	1538.18	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	2466249.60		2699684.40		2496179.10		1962629.26	
MAIZE									
10051000	MAIZE SEED	47.50	7968.80	65.42	11218.47	84.68	11020.56	69.45	12235.37
10059011	YELLOW	8287.64	252.52	18.00	219.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10059019	OTHER	48.00	250.35	0.00	0.00	43.44	2707.22	240.00	371.50
10059030	POPCORN (ZEA MAYS VAR. EVERTA)	16436.10	513.97	23642.54	568.69	16603.56	602.76	4360.95	657.22
	TOTAL:	24819.25		23725.95		16731.68		4670.39	

Source: DGCI&S
