

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *26
ANSWERED ON 02/12/2025

EXPORT OF ARECANUT

*26 SHRI B Y RAGHAVENDRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has data on the export of arecanut from the country during the last ten years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the export volume (in metric tonnes), export value (in USD million), and INR equivalent (in crores) during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the major destination countries for arecanut exports from India;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote arecanut exports and improve market access for Indian farmers and exporters; and
- (e) whether the Government has data on arecanut imports into India during the last ten years, if so, the details thereof along with the volume and value (in metric tonnes and USD/INR) of imports, including major source countries?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 FOR 02.12.2025 REGARDING 'EXPORT OF ARECANUT'**

(a) to (c) The export data of Arecanut from India, during last ten years, in terms of export volume (in Metric Tonnes), export value in Indian Rupees (in Crore) and in US Dollars (in Million) during 2015-16 to 2024-25, is as below:

India's exports of Arecanut to the World			
Year	Quantity in MT	Value in Rs. Crore	Value in USD Million
2015-16	6284.91	78.00	11.81
2016-17	11652.65	140.26	20.92
2017-18	4614.24	67.88	10.53
2018-19	2162.11	62.55	8.98
2019-20	2513.31	69.87	9.84
2020-21	3195.61	85.91	11.63
2021-22	6663.35	158.26	21.21
2022-23	13765.37	485.05	60.00
2023-24	10636.89	400.13	48.35
2024-25	2396.26	105.84	12.55

Source: DGCIS

The government maintains record of total exports from India. The data for State wise exports of Arecanut is not maintained, in absence of validation by the DGCIS (Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics), as these are based on the state-of-origin code reported by the exporters in the shipping bills.

In the ten-year period between 2015-16 to 2024-25, the exports of Arecanut have grown in terms of value, by 35.69% in terms of Rupees and by 6.2% in terms of US dollars.

The major destinations for exports of Arecanut from India, in 2024-25 are as below:

Name of the Country	Value of Exports (In Rs. Crores)	Value of Exports (In USD Million)	Quantity in MT
Malaysia	22.23	2.64	224.53
UAE	21.07	2.50	632.59
Sri Lanka	17.92	2.12	475.48
Maldives	10.89	1.29	255.55
Djibouti	6.30	0.76	170.00
UK	6.21	0.74	99.23
USA	4.60	0.54	70.85
Bhutan	2.88	0.34	89.82
Canada	2.58	0.31	34.93
Australia	2.16	0.26	30.04
Others	9.00	1.05	313.24
Total	105.84	12.55	2396.26

Source: DGCIS

(d) The Department of Commerce through the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), provides financial assistance for promotion of its Scheduled products, including Arecanut, through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS), in

three components: (i) Development of Export Infrastructure, (ii) Quality Development, (iii) Market Development. Scheme guidelines are available at <https://apeda.gov.in/FinancialAssistanceSchemes>.

For the promotion of Arecanut exports, APEDA facilitated participation of Arecanut exporters in World Food India and its Reverse Buyer seller meet, in September 2025. APEDA also organised training-cum-capacity building program with the Horticulture Department Karnataka, in Chitradurga, Karnataka, in September 2025, where Arecanut farmers, Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) and other stakeholders participated.

(e) The import data of Arecanut from India, during last ten years, in terms of import volume (in Metric Tonnes), import value (in USD Million), and INR equivalent (in crores) during 2015-16 to 2024-25, is as below:

India's imports of Arecanut from World			
Year	Quantity in MT	Import Value (in Rs. Crore)	Import Value (in USD Million)
2015-16	45189.77	722.21	111.52
2016-17	16150.75	286.28	42.82
2017-18	11875.21	304.31	47.23
2018-19	18152.22	427.63	61.08
2019-20	16760.78	342.56	47.92
2020-21	23988.29	508.59	68.41
2021-22	30049.58	745.19	90.20
2022-23	78233.66	2182.33	258.19
2023-24	40386.48	1225.70	147.92
2024-25	42236.02	1208.34	143.45

Source: DGCIS

The major sources of Arecanut imports into India, in 2024-25 are as below:

Name of the Country	Import Value (in Rs. Crore)	Import Value (in USD Million)	Quantity in MT
Bangladesh	447.76	53.06	12155.40
Sri Lanka	303.70	35.97	8353.70
Myanmar	278.24	33.20	7569.03
Indonesia	129.35	15.36	11589.56
UAE	20.64	2.45	390.11
Malaysia	10.14	1.21	269.86
Oman	7.65	0.91	144.00
Singapore	5.07	0.61	214.20
Bhutan	3.89	0.46	1436.47
Thailand	1.77	0.21	50.00
Others	0.13	0.01	63.69
Total	1208.34	143.45	42236.02

Source: DGCIS
