

India-Bhutan Trade Brief

Agriculture & Allied Trade between India and Bhutan

1. **Exports:** In the year 2021-22, India's total export of agricultural and allied commodities to Bhutan was of the order of US \$ **177.64** million, approximately **18** % higher than the previous year. (Table -1)
 - a) **Major Exports:** Vegetable Oils, Rice (Other Than Basmati), Dairy Products, Misc Processed Items, Cereal Preparations etc.
 - b) **Minor Exports:** Cashew, Florictr Products, Tobacco Unmanufactured, Groundnut, Other Oil Seeds etc.

2. **Potential Items of Export:**
 - a. **New Items:** Dried peaches, pears, papaws ""papayas"", tamarinds and other edible fruits etc. (Table-3)
 - b. **Existing Items:** Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, Maize (excluding seed for sowing), Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, Vegetable products n.e.s etc. (Table -4)

3. **Imports:** In the year 2021-22, India's total import of agricultural and allied commodities from **Bhutan** was of the order of US \$ **15.70** million, approximately **61%** higher than the previous year. (Table -2)
 - a) **Major Imports:** Spices, Misc Processed Items, Fresh Vegetables, Processed Fruits and Juices etc.
 - b) **Minor Imports:** Cereal Preparations, Processed Vegetables, Fresh Fruits etc.

Table 1- India's top Agri and Allied Export to Bhutan

(Value in USD million)

S. No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	VEGETABLE OILS	18.98	25.08	32.13
2	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	25.34	20.55	-18.87
3	DAIRY PRODUCTS	23.02	20.55	-10.74
4	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	11.64	14.72	26.53

5	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	13.29	10.50	-21.00
6	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED	2.67	9.73	264.92
7	FRESH VEGETABLES	2.79	6.77	142.93
8	OIL MEALS	4.75	6.74	42.04
9	RICE -BASMOTI	4.25	6.56	54.34
10	OTHER CEREALS	4.53	6.33	39.70
	India's Agri and allied export to Bhutan	150.35	177.64	18.15

Source: Department of Commerce

Table 2- India's top Agri and Allied Imports from Bhutan

(Value in USD million)

S. No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth(%)
1	SPICES	3.08	7.57	145.54
2	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	4.56	5.63	23.50
3	FRESH VEGETABLES	0.03	0.86	2549.13
4	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	0.45	0.68	49.10
5	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.42	0.45	-68.31
6	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	0.09	0.32	256.01
	India's Agri and allied imports from Bhutan	9.73	15.70	61.35

Source: Department of Commerce

4. Potential agriculture items of India's export to Bhutan

a. New Items Methodology

- Items in which Bhutan's imports of agricultural items from India were negligible during 2021.
- The global import of Bhutan in these tariff lines and global exports of these commodities by India is over US \$ 1 million.
- Bhutan may explore the possibility of sourcing these agricultural items from India. Sanitary Phyto-sanitary (SPS) and other requirements in respect of these products may be sought from Bhutan.

b. Existing Items Methodology

- To arrive at the potential items in existing agricultural items, share of India's exports in Bhutan's import along with share of India's exports to Bhutan viz-a viz world has been studied.

Table 3: India's potential in new agricultural items for exports to Bhutan

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to Bhutan		Bhutan 's imports from world		India's exports to world	
		Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021
'081340	"Dried peaches, pears, papaws ""papayas"", tamarinds and other edible fruits (excluding nuts, ...	0.00	0.00	0.44	1.32	26.43	34.98

Source: trademap.org

Table 4: India's potential in existing agricultural items for exports to Bhutan

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to Bhutan		Bhutan 's imports from world		India's exports to world	
		Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021
'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	20.37	23.16	20.37	23.16	7484.14	8361.33
'100590	Maize (excluding seed for sowing)	3.16	5.30	3.16	5.30	352.84	882.53
'230400	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	2.62	4.11	2.62	4.11	701.36	900.82
'230690	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	1.55	2.24	1.55	2.24	154.65	189.45
'140490	Vegetable products n.e.s	0.16	2.06	0.16	2.06	31.26	36.11
'071340	Dried, shelled lentils, whether or not skinned or split	1.19	1.93	1.19	1.93	18.62	9.92
'070310	Fresh or chilled onions and shallots	0.16	1.81	0.16	1.81	346.64	449.46
'070200	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	0.23	1.29	0.23	1.29	35.57	27.47
'100640	Broken rice	0.59	1.21	0.63	1.21	348.67	1037.24
'070190	Fresh or chilled potatoes (excluding seed)	0.15	1.04	0.15	1.04	70.75	70.57

Source: trademap.org