

## India-Iran Trade Brief

### Agriculture & Allied Trade between India and Iran

(a) **Exports:** In the year 2021-22, India's total export of agricultural and allied commodities to Iran was of the order of US \$ **1121.63** million, approximately 4 % lower than the previous year. (Table -1)

a) **Major Exports:** Rice –Basmati, Tea, Fresh Fruits, Rice (Other Than Basmati), Spices etc.

b) **Minor Exports:** Ayush and Herbal Products, Castor Oil, Cotton Raw Includ. Waste, Other Cereals, Shellac etc.

#### (b) Potential Items of Export:

a. **New Items:** Sweet corn, uncooked or cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, frozen, "Dried, shelled kidney beans ""Phaseolus vulgaris"", whether or not skinned or split", Dried, shelled lentils, whether or not skinned or split, Soya beans, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing), Fruit stones and kernels and other vegetable products etc. (Table -3)

b. **Existing Items:** Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, Black fermented tea and partly fermented tea, whether or not flavoured, in immediate packings, Fresh or dried bananas (excluding plantains), Cotton, neither carded nor combed, Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets etc (table 4).

(c) **Imports:** In the year 2021-22, India's total import of agricultural and allied commodities from Iran was of the order of US \$ **223.57** million, approximately 60% higher than the previous year. (Table -2)

a) **Major Imports:** Fresh Fruits, Spices, Tea, Processed Fruits And Juices, Cereal Preparations Etc.

b) **Minor Imports:** Marine Products, Cocoa Products, Misc Processed Items, Processed Vegetables, Other Oil Seeds etc.

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

(Value in USD million)

S. No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	RICE -BASMOTI	590.67	818.36	38.55
2	TEA	111.51	105.91	-5.03
3	FRESH FRUITS	33.69	58.86	74.73
4	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	7.68	37.37	386.78
5	SPICES	28.68	15.77	-45.01
6	SUGAR	256.93	14.27	-94.44

7	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	34.80	11.93	-65.71
8	GROUNDNUT	3.78	9.77	158.43
9	PULSES	7.53	9.03	20.01
10	SESAME SEEDS	12.24	6.59	-46.17
	<b>India's Agri and allied export to Iran</b>	<b>1173.46</b>	<b>1121.63</b>	<b>-4.42</b>

Source: Department of Commerce

**Table 2- India's top Agri and Allied Imports to Iran**

(Value in USD million)

S.No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	FRESH FRUITS	129.50	207.98	60.60
2	SPICES	1.84	4.77	159.82
3	TEA	2.74	3.39	23.85
4	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	1.69	2.81	65.99
5	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	1.28	2.01	56.79
6	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS	0.49	1.11	126.25
7	PULSES	0.34	0.48	39.58
8	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	0.14	0.46	216.13
	<b>India's Agri and allied import from Iran</b>	<b>139.70</b>	<b>223.57</b>	<b>60.04</b>

Source: Department of Commerce

#### (d) Potential agriculture items of India's export to Iran

##### a. New Items Methodology

- Items in which Iran's imports of agricultural items from India were negligible during 2021.
- The global import of Iran in these tariff lines and global exports of these commodities by India is over US \$ 5 million.
- Iran 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 Iran.

##### b. Existing Items Methodology

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

**Table 3: India's potential in new agriculture items of exports to Iran**

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to Iran		Iran '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
'071040	Sweetcorn, uncooked or cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, frozen	0.00	0.00	5.54	5.30	12.83	14.69
'071333	"Dried, shelled kidney beans ""Phaseolus vulgaris"", whether or not skinned or split"	0.05	0.00	5.23	5.06	5.09	6.47
'071340	Dried, shelled lentils, whether or not skinned or split	0.00	0.00	86.43	6.20	18.62	9.92
'120190	Soya beans, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing)	0.00	0.00	1048.35	873.83	38.86	17.91
'121299	Fruit stones and kernels and other vegetable products, incl. unroasted chicory roots of the ...	0.00	0.00	3.44	5.97	6.26	7.74

Source: ITC Trade Map

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

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to Iran		Iran '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	875.37	661.95	924.55	667.41	7484.14	8361.33
'090240	Black fermented tea and partly fermented tea, whether or not flavoured, in immediate packings ...	132.29	96.65	328.74	118.39	580.75	565.53
'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excluding plantains)	39.40	46.12	0.00	122.37	100.76	142.90
'120242	Groundnuts, shelled, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing, roasted or otherwise ...	5.70	9.89	16.02	10.37	739.52	680.42
'120740	Sesamum seeds, whether or not broken	17.72	6.78	88.90	6.78	447.84	421.54
'071320	"Dried, shelled chickpeas ""garbanzos"", whether or not skinned or split"	7.49	5.31	50.84	27.60	140.66	89.10
'091030	"Turmeric ""curcuma""	13.12	5.13	21.64	5.13	232.38	225.54
'090931	Cumin seeds, neither crushed nor ground	2.53	5.08	0.01	5.11	504.94	448.85
'080132	Fresh or dried cashew nuts, shelled	2.21	4.13	0.88	5.13	404.23	432.50
'090111	Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)	5.80	3.98	44.23	8.15	461.43	622.91
'520100	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	3.47	1.99	136.35	145.87	1448.52	2682.05
'120991	Vegetable seeds, for sowing	1.75	0.86	81.86	54.48	97.49	92.76

'080280	Fresh or dried areca nuts, whether or not shelled or peeled	0.00	0.75	0.00	55.72	10.31	18.86
'100199	Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	0.00	0.27	912.15	154.61	241.89	1720.56
'230400	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	42.30	0.09	793.94	760.05	701.36	900.82
'100590	Maize (excluding seed for sowing)	0.02	0.03	2516.84	1490.55	352.84	882.53

Source: ITC Trade Map