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Hon'ble Secretary
Ministry of Home and Culture Affairs
Thimphu

Subject: Supply of Areca nut

Hon'ble Dasho

I wouldlike to bring the following before Dasho for your kind consideration:

1. Sarpang Dzongkhag has around 1487 MT of areca nuts meant to be exported to Bongaigaon, India; stranded in the dzongkhag due to lockdown there as well as due to closure of international borders.
2. Our exporters have been informed by their Indian counterparts that they would buy the areca nuts as and when the lockdown is lifted. But they have also expressed uncertainties about lifting of the lockdown as Bongaigaon is currently under red zone. In such a situation, our exporters are worried that they may not be able to sell their products since Bongaigaon is the main destination for areca nuts exported from Sarpang.
3. In the mean time, we have heard that importation of areca nuts bound for northern Dzongkhags is happening through Phuntsholing. In this regard, we would like to request hon. Dasho to kindly disallow the import of areca nut so as to facilitate the sale of areca nuts from Sarpang in the domestic market.

With respects,

Yours Faithfully

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