

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6087
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IMPORT OF RICE FROM PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian traders are still importing rice from Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details of quantity and the rates thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of the strong resentment of Indian farmers over the said import, which is adversely affecting them; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Data showing quantity and value of Rice imported from Pakistan during 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 (upto Dec.2000) is as under:-

Year	Qty. (Tons)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1998-99	-	-
1999-2000	25412	2093.65
2000-2001	425	34.95

(upto Dec.2000)

(c) & (d) : Common / coarse varieties of rice and rice with 50% or more broken, have been allowed to be imported freely vide Notification No. 5 dated 27.5.97. Rice of varieties, other than those mentioned above, as covered under ITC(HS) Exim Code 10.06 has been canalised for imports.

It may further be seen that during April-Dec.2000, a total quantity of 425 MT valued at Rs. 34.95 lakh was imported from Pakistan.