

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6306
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
IMPORT OF SOYABEAN
SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agricultural product, particularly soyabean imported from the U.S.A. is of inferior quality;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to examine the quality of the imported goods; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) The testing of food articles is done at the port by Port Health Officers before clearance of imported consignment in the country. Only after no objection certificate is issued by port health officers, the consignment is allowed to be cleared. In view of this, it is normally not possible to import any agricultural product which is unfit for consumption.