

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7406
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BOYCOTT OF INDIAN RICE BY BRITAIN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foodgrains traders of Asia in Britain have been asked to boycott `Basmati` rice first while boycotting the Indian products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reason therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a)&(b): Reports have been received that a section of foodgrains traders of Asian origin in Britain, have launched a boycott of Indian rice. This follows a move of the UK`s Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to develop methods of authentication of Basmati rice and detection of non-Basmati rice in Basmati rice.

(c): The matter has been appropriately taken up with the concerned authorities.