

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1309
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INDO-SRI LANKA TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the adverse effect of Indo-Sri Lanka accord especially in pepper, cardamom, arcanuts and other cash crops;
- (b) whether the prices of pepper have declined due to import of pepper from Sri-Lanka;
- (c) the details of pepper imported from Sri Lanka during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government propose to revise the agreement in view of hardship faced by pepper growers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to assist the pepper cultivators in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) to (f) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.