

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3965
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dangerous items like PVC, Zinc ash, Zinc residual/scrap, lead residual, lead ash/scrap and batteries are being imported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to ban such imports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The details of import of PVC, Zinc ash, Zinc residual/scrap, lead residual, lead ash/scrap and batteries for the last three years are annexed.

According to the Hazardous Wastes(Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 and further amended in 2000 and 2003, imports of certain wastes are permitted only for reprocessing and reuse by units registered with Central Pollution Control Board. These wastes are specified in schedule 3 under List A and List B of the Hazardous Waste(HW) rules. The import of such wastes into the country are permitted by the Government in accordance with Rules 12, 13 and 14 of the HW Rules and by DGFT through the Foreign Trade Policy. Import of only new lead acid batteries are permitted as per the Batteries(Management & Handling) Rules, 2001.

(c) to (e): The Government has taken steps to restrict the import of wastes by notifying the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 1989 and further amended in 2000 and 2003 and the Batteries(Management and Handling) Rules, 2001. Twenty nine highly hazardous wastes listed in schedule 8 of the HW Rules are totally prohibited for imports even for the purpose of recycling.

Annexure

HSCode Commodity Unit of Qty 2004-05

Qty Value in
Rs. Lakhs

390410	POLY (VINYL CHLORIDE), NOT MIXED WITH OTHR	Kg	50268.27	20187.94
790200	ZINC WASTE AND SCRAP	Kg	37523.44	10112.02
262019	OTHER ASH & RESIDUE CONTNG MAINLY ZINC	Kg	2749.15	4454.95
780200	LEAD WASTE & SCRAP	Kg	17530.31	4382.22
850610	PRIMARY CELLS & PRIMARY BATTERIES OF MANGANESE DIOXIDE OF AN EXTRNL VOLUME <=300CC	No.	11110.44	793.73
850630	PRIMARY CELLS & PRIMARY BATTERIES OF MERCURIC OXIDE OF AN EXTRNL VOLUME <=300CC	No.	188.97	21.47
850640	PRIMARY CELLS & PRIMARY BATTERIES OF SILVER OXIDE OF AN EXTRNL VOLUME<=300CC	No.	1266.09	134.86
850680	PRIMARY CELLS & PRIMARY BATTERIES OF OF AN EXTERNAL VOLUME NT EXCDNG 300 C.C.	No.	101899.51	9167.36
850690	PARTS OF PRIMARY CELLS & PRIMARY BATTERIES	Kg	379.24	1508.20
85481010	BATTERY SCRAP ISRI CODES-RAILS, RAKES	Kg	131.93	22.22
85481020	BATTERY WASTE ISRI CODES-RAINS, RINK, RONOROPAR, VAUNT	Kg	1.61	11.20

Total 50762.75

