

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3951

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VANASPATI EXPORTS

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

(a) whether Vanaspati Industry has requested the Government to allow duty free vanaspati import from Sri Lanka only through State Trading Corporation/ NAFED or exempt vegetable oils from Free Trade Agreement; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The representatives of Vanaspati Industry have requested that import of duty-free vanaspati from Sri Lanka under India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement should be canalized. The Government has not taken any decision on this issue.