

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2493
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006
BAN ON IMPORTS OF BIRDS AND MEAT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to impose ban on the imports of birds and their meat due to bird flu;
- (b) whether the Government has received request/suggestions from various sections of the society in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the quantum of birds meat imported and exported during the year 2005-06 and so far;
- (e) whether the decline in foreign exchange earnings is due to bird flu during the said period;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- g) whether any assessment has been made by the Government about the effect of bird flu on the poultry industry;
- h) if so, the details thereof; and
- i) the steps taken to save the domestic poultry industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Import of birds and their meat has been banned from countries affected by avian flu.
- (b) & (c) Some representations have been received in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries for the ban on the import of Live poultry and poultry products. Restrictions on imports have been effected.
- (d) : Information is placed at Annexure 'I' and 'II'.
- (e) & (f): No study has been made by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade to ascertain whether there has been a decline in foreign exchange due to Bird Flu.
- (g) & (h) : The impact on the poultry industry is as follows :
 - (i) The consumption and production of poultry products nose dived all over the country.
 - (ii) A number of states imposed a ban on the inter-state movement of poultry and poultry products.
 - (iii) A number of countries have also banned the import of chicken products from India.
 - (iv) As a consequence the poultry industry of the country has been adversely affected.
- (i): The Government of India has taken the following steps to save the domestic poultry industry :
 - (i) Import of livestock or products have been banned from the HPAI positive countries since 2004.
 - (ii) The Quarantine Stations at four international airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai were alerted.
 - (iii) An action plan has been prepared and circulated to state Animal Husbandry Departments for control and containment in case of outbreak.

Annexure-I

Quantity in Thousand Kgs Value in Rs.lakhs
 HSCode Commodity 2002- 2003- 2004- 2005- 2002- 2003- 2004- 2005-
 2003 2004 2005 2006 2003 2004 2005 2006
 (Apr-Sep) (Apr-Sep)

2071100 MEAT/EDBL OFAL OF FOWLS 75.54 157.57 96 33.15 67.49 37.38
 OF THE SPCS GALS
 DOMESTICUS NOT CUT IN
 PIECES, FRES/CHILLED

2071200 MEAT/EDBL OFAL OF FOWLS 28.38 3,431.57 1,254.50 86 18.72 1,588.43 544.61 38.43
 OF THE SPCS GALS
 DOMESTICUS NOT CUT IN
 PIECES, FROZEN

2071300 CUTS & OFAL OF FWLS OF 0.65 86.58 1.1 12.2 0.37 38.86 0.33 16.01
 THE SPCS GALS DOMSTCS.
 FRSH/CHILD

2071400 CUTS & OFAL OF FOWLS OF 345 797.36 52.1 145.59 363.89 55.21
 THE SPECIS GALS
 DOMSTCUS, FRZN

2072500 MEAT& EDIBLE OFALS OF 982 444.12
 TURKEYS WHOLE, FRZN

2072600 CUTS AND OFFAL OF 0.36 0.59
 TURKEYS FRESH/CHILLED

2072700 CUTS AND OFFAL OF 27.5 11.74
 TURKEYS FROZEN

2073200 MEAT & EDBL OFAL OF 51.23 0.6 25.3 0.16
 DUCKS, GEESE/GUINEA
 FOWLS, NOT CUT IN
 PIECES FRSH/CHILLED

2073300 MEAT & EDBL OFAL OF 0.15 0.58 0.2 0.75
 DUCKS, GEESE/GUINEA
 FOWLS, NOT CUT IN
 PIECES, FROZEN

2073400 FATTY/LIVERS OF 8 0.81
 DUCKS, GEESE ETC
 FRSH/CHLD

2073500 MEAT & EDBL OFAL 0.1 0.07
 OF DCK GESE ETC
 FRSH/CHLD

2073600 MEAT & EDBL OFL 793.7 256.26 347.34 111.39
 OF DUCK, GESE
 ETC FRZN

Total 528.3 6257.89 1660.06 98.78 234.87 2851.89 748.99 55.19

Annexure-II

Import of Birds meat

Quantity in Thousand Kgs Value in Rs.lakhs
 HSCode Commodity 2002- 2003- 2004- 2005- 2002- 2003- 2004- 2005-
 2003 2004 2005 2006 2003 2004 2005 2006
 (Apr-Sep) (Apr-Sep)

2071100 MEAT/EDBL OFAL OF FOWLS 7.00 3.90
 OF THE SPCS GALS
 DOMESTICUS NOT CUT IN
 PIECES, FRES/CHILLED

2071300 CUTS & OFAL OF FWLS OF 0.01 0.03
 THE SPCS GALS DOMSTCS.
 FRSH/CHILD

2072400 MEAT & EDBL OFAL OF 0.61 1.13
 TURKYS WHOL FRSH/CHLD

2072600 CUTS AND OFFAL OF 0.01 0.02
 TURKEYS FRESH/CHILLED

2072700 CUTS AND OFFAL OF 0.58 0.37 1.93 1.93
 TURKEYS FROZEN

2073400 FATTY/LIVERS OF DUCKS, 0.01 0.25
 GEESE ETC FRSH/CHLD

2073500 MEAT & EDBL OFAL OF 0.10 0.12
 DCK GESE ETC FRSH/CHLD

2073600 MEAT & EDBL OFL OF 0.85 2.39 2.49 1.85
 DUCK, GESE ETC FRZN

Total 1.45 7.00 3.10 0.38 4.47 3.90 3.10 2.18