

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3650

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IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is importing large quantity of foodgrains like pulses, peas, lentils and chick peas from USA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the American Exporters have agreed to supply these foodgrains well fumigated as per the requests of the Government of India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has made a provision for rescinding the import contract if the suppliers do not agree to measures adopted to check import of contaminated food grains;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : No Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e) to (g): The quality parameters are incorporated in the contract. The cargo is supervised and surveyed by independent Surveyor of international repute at the loan port and they certify that the cargo conforms to quality and specifications provided in the contract. In addition, the cargo is subject to clearance by Plant Health Organisation/ Plant Protection Quarantine (PHO/PPQ) authority at ports.