

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

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

- (a) the details of agricultural imports including food items in the country during each of the last three years, quantity-wise and value-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has evaluated the impact of these imports on the indigenous prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether any cases of dumping have been identified;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective steps being taken thereon;
- (f) the details of food-items exported during the last three years; and
- g) the details of strategy planned to reduce dependence on imported foodgrains and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (f) : The details of agricultural imports and exports including food items during each of the last three years is Annexed. (Source : D/o Commerce and DGCI&S, Kolkata)

(b) and (c) : The Government closely monitors the economic developments in the country and internationally on a continuous basis, and need based measures are taken, from time to time, keeping in view the financial and overall economic implications. Any domestic concern arising out of imports are addressed by appropriate action under the provisions of the Agreement of Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994, the Agreement on Safeguards and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures of the WTO.

(d) and (e) : No, Madam.

(g) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing production and productivity in the Agriculture sector. Department of Food & Public Distribution has taken various steps to maximize the procurement of wheat and rice and increase its availability.As a result of initiatives under the National Food Security Mission there has been a total increase in production of food grains from 230.78 million tonnes in 2007-08 to 233.88 million tonnes in 2008-09.