

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF ITEMS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH H
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has imported machines, chemicals etc. for agricultural research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, item-wise;
- (c) whether certain irregularities in import items for agricultural research have been observed by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Various institutes and project Directorates of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and linked organizations do import, in a decentralized manner, machines, equipments and chemicals for agricultural research. However, there are no specific ITC (HS) Codes under the ITC (HS) classification of export & import items for import of machines, equipments and chemicals for agricultural research. Therefore, no separate trade statistics for these items are maintained by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata.

No irregularities in import of machines, equipments and chemicals for agricultural research have been brought to notice of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.