

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

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IMPORT OF PERISHABLE GOODS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether huge amount of perishable goods are being imported in the country during the year 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any assessment has been done regarding impact of such imports on domestic producers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details regarding names of the countries from which imports of such foodgrains have been increased;
- (f) whether the Government is contemplating to reduce such imports taking into account the domestic producers during the current year; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The details of imports of major perishable goods during 2009-10 is at Annexure-I.

(c) to (g) : 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. There has been no import of Rice and Wheat during 2009-10 for Central Pool Stocks on Government Account.

Details regarding countries from where import of food grains has increased is given in Annexure – II.