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CHINESE TOYS IN INDIAN MARKETS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether substandard and unsafe Chinese toys have been flooding Indian markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian companies are returning back the consignment of such toys to China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any assessment has been made to know the impact of hazardous toys on children in India; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)to (d) : While details of individual cases of import of any substandard and unsafe Chinese toys are available only with concerned field formations of Customs, 23 such cases of seizure/adjudication in case of import of Chinese toys have been reported by Customs Commissionerate, Ahmedabad.

Based on growing concerns relating to safety of Chinese toys and their likely adverse impact on children in India, the Government banned import of Chinese toys on 23.1.2009. Subsequently, the matter was examined by the Government and presently, the import of toys from all sources is subject to the following conditions :-

- (i) Certificate of conformation to the standards prescribed in ASTM F963 or ISO 8124 (Parts I-III) or IS 9873 (Parts I-III) or EN 71.
- (ii) Certificate of conformance from the manufacturer that the toys being imported have been tested by an independent lab which is accredited under ILAC, MRA and found to meet the specifications indicated above.

Any consignments of toys, which are found not conforming to prescribed standards and specifications, are not permitted to be imported.

(e) & (f) : The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has constituted an Expert Committee to look into the presence of harmful elements in toys. Under the guidance of this Committee a study has been initiated which is examining the presence of some heavy metals and phthalates in the plastic toys in the market.