GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1321 ANSWERED ON:02.08.2010 EXPORT OF GRAPES Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

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

- (a) whether a large number of grapes exported to European countries were returned due to the presence of residue of chlormequat chloride;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the EU countries refused the containers due to wrong information provided by the Government agencies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a&b) In the second week of April 2010, the issue of exceedance of residues of Chloromequat Chloride Component (CCC) was detected in Indian grapes shipped to the European Union markets during the current grape season. It was reported that there was reluctance on part of European markets in accepting grape consignments. A number of consignments were also reported to have been diverted to non EU countries.

- (c) There is no report of refusal of the containers due to wrong information provided by any of the Government Agencies.
- (d) Does not arise.