

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2332
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2010
EXPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS TO CHINA
Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

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

- (a) whether India has asked China to open door for Indian agro-products to address the fast widening trade imbalance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the issues discussed so far and the response received in this regard from the Chinese Government?

Answer

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

a) - c) During the eighth session of India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science and Technology (JEG) held at Ministerial level on 19th January,2010 in Beijing, the Indian side asked the Chinese side to grant market access to Indian agro products. Growing trade deficit, export of Indian Basmati rice and bovine meat were also discussed. As an outcome of eighth JEG an MoU on expansion of Trade and Economic Cooperation between India and China was signed. Both sides have agreed to consolidate cooperation between the quarantine authorities of the two countries to promote the steady development of bilateral trade by expediting the approval process for food products. The MoU recognizes that a balanced trade is conducive to long term, sustainable and harmonious development of economic cooperation between the two countries.