

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

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

- (a) whether the import of tea between the period from January to July has been reduced during the current year; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The estimated import of tea between January to July, 2010 was 11.20 million kgs against 13.17 million kgs during the corresponding period of the year 2009. Import of tea is mainly made by Export Oriented Units (EOUs) for re-export after some value addition. During January to July, 2010, the import of tea by EOUs for re-export has reduced primarily due to reduced exports and also due to the high cost of import of tea.