

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

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

- (a) whether milk and cheese are included in the scope of free trade agreements under negotiations with the European Union;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the European countries are pressurising the Government to open up India's market of dairy products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

a) to d): As in all free trade agreements being negotiated, including that with the European Union, all tariff lines fall within the scope of negotiations. Both sides are negotiating to open each other's market in goods and services. However, no final positions have emerged as negotiations are ongoing.