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IMPACT OF FTA ON RUBBER AND TEA SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rubber and Tea sector are facing negative impact on exports due to trade agreements with other nations; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

a) & b): Trade Agreement between India and other nations are generally aimed at increasing bilateral trade. There is no negative impact of Trade Agreements on export of Natural Rubber and Tea in the present scenario. Tea is protected through high import duty while in FTA's no duty reduction has been allowed for Rubber.