

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEILLANCE OF IMPORTED FOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether chances of import of contaminated food products have increased due to certain recent incidents viz. Massive earthquake in Japan, outbreak of E-Coli bacteria cases in Europe, adulteration of honey with antibiotics etc.; and

(b) if so, preventive measures taken by the Government to increase surveillance on imported food items into the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): Following the earthquake in Japan on 11.03.2011, cases of E-coli outbreak reported in European countries at the end of May, 2011 and reports of presence of banned antibiotics in honey, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has issued instructions that all samples of food from Japan, fresh produce from European Union and honey from other countries are to be tested on the basis of 100% sampling.