

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:251  
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2011  
IRREGULARITIES IN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether certain instances of irregularities have been reported in the export and import of foodgrains including pulses;
- (b) if so, the nature of such irregularities reported during the last three years alongwith the total loss of revenue as a result of such irregularities, year-wise;
- (c) whether in certain instances, the importers have allegedly delayed the lifting of the imported pulses from the docks, speculating rise in the prices of pulses in the domestic markets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such importers; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to have better mechanism to monitor such irregularities and complaints and to take appropriate and corrective measures in the matter promptly?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 251 FOR ANSWER ON 12TH DECEMBER 2011 REGARDING "IRREGULARITIES IN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS"

(a) to (e): No major irregularity has come to notice in export and import of foodgrains including pulses in the last three years. However, in respect of export of non-basmati rice to certain countries in Africa, infringement of certain conditions by the PSUs has been noticed and necessary action initiated. Further, Tariff Authority for Major Ports, which fixes tariff for port related matters, has notified on 25th August, 2009 and 22nd September, 2009 revised tariff for progressive increase in storage charges / licence fee beyond the free period in respect of sugar and pulses. The notifications have been issued keeping in view of the increasing prices of the essential commodities. This discourages long storage of these commodities in the port area.