

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

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TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the import of agricultural products during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the details of the impact of imports of these products on their domestic prices and the overall agricultural and horticultural sector;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the policy of trade of agricultural products so as to discourage the imports of these products;
- (d) whether there are demands from various State Governments to formulate a sustainable food trade policy so as to bring in clarity for the farmers cultivating various crops like onions, cotton, sugar etc. and promote the trade of these products;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the trade of the agricultural products and also to protect the interests of the farmers?

Answer

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

- (a)to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.