

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4030
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BAN ON ASBESTOS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India imports white asbestos from Canada where it has been banned on grounds of toxicity;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for imposing ban on the imports of the said product; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Present import policy for Chrysotile Asbestos, generally known as white asbestos, is 'free' under ITC (HS) Code 25249011, 25249021 & 25249031. Accordingly, importers can import this item from any country of their choice, including Canada, without any permission/authorization. There is no proposal to change this policy.