

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

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FOOD PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM JAPAN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the food items are being imported from Japan;
- (b) if so, the details of food items imported from Japan, quantum-wise, itemwise and value-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision to prevent the import of food items from Japan in view of the radiation spread from Fukuseima Nuclear Plant in Japan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Japanese Government; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : The details of food items imported from Japan are as under :

Commodity	Quantity in Tons	Value in Rs. Lacs
Commodity Apr`11-Jan`12 (Provisional)		
Quantity Value		
RICE	0.45	2.71
CEREAL PREPARATION	107	122
PULSES	6904	2178
TEA	3.32	18.48
MILK AND CREAM	324	573
RAW CASHEW NUTS	292	191
FRUITS&NUTS EXCL CASHEW NUTS	1621	1617
SPICES	464	1307
SUGAR	22	51
OIL SEEDS	0.05	0.15
VEGETABLE OILS FIXED (EDIBLE)	15817	9712

All figures except Rice, Tea and Oil seeds have been rounded off Source: DGC&S

(c) to (e) : Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) following the earthquake in Japan and concerns of possible radiation leakage from affected nuclear plants, increased the surveillance of food imports from Japan to ensure that they are safe for consumption. FSSAI vide an advisory dated 15.03.2011 decided that as a precautionary measure, samples of food articles, particularly fresh produce, exported from Japan after 11.03.2011, such as seafood, fruits, vegetables and meat shall be tested for radioactive contamination before issuing NOC to the Customs.