

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF POWER TILLERS FROM CHINA  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several brands of power tillers are imported from China;
- (b) if so, the rates of customs duty levied on the various brands;
- (c) the prices at which these tillers are provided to the farmers;
- (d) whether there is substantial difference between the import price and the prices at which these power tillers are provided to the farmers;and
- (e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) Yes Madam, several brands of power tillers are being imported into the country from China,
- (b) The effective rate of Customs Duty on import of power tillers presently is 12.034% advalorem.
- (c) The Government does not provide power tillers directly to the farmers.
- (d) The Government is neither importing nor selling the power tillers. Hence, information on price of individual make and model of power tiller is not maintained. The prices are governed by the market forces and vary from State to State and area to area within a State.
- (e) In order to make available the power tillers to all categories of farmers at affordable prices, the Government is already providing subsidy under different schemes at 25% of the cost of the power tiller limited to Rs. 45,000/-.