

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF WHEAT

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

- (a) whether import of wheat from India was banned in the past by Iran due to the suspicion of presence of some fungal disease;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to export three million tonnes of wheat to Iran at a price lower than the prevalent price in the domestic market, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether an Iranian delegation consisting of experts from its laboratories visited various States in India to examine the quality of wheat;
- (e) if so, the details of the outcome of this study by the Iranian delegates; and
- (f) the present status of the decision to export wheat to Iran?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Iran Plant Protection Authority has phytosanitary restriction on import of wheat from India, due to presence of 'Karnal Bunt' in Indian Wheat.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Yes, Madam.
- (e) & (f) Iran continues to maintain restrictions on import of wheat from India.