

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

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ARSENIC IN BASMATI RICE

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

- (a) whether the United States Food and Drug Administration has found arsenic content in Indian Basmati rice in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any advisory has been issued by the regulator in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons for arsenic contents in such samples;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which the export of Basmati rice is likely to be affected after the issue of the said advisory?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) to (c) No such information has been received by the Government.
- (d) to (f) Does not arise.