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IMPORTS BY MMTC AND STC
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding imports made by Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) and State Trading Corporation (STC) during the last three years and the current year, quality-wise and commodity-wise;
- (b) the total amount spent on the imports by MMTC and STC;
- (c) whether these commodities were utilised for Public Distribution System; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other end uses of these commodities?

Answer

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

a&b) A Statement showing overall imports and amount spent thereon is Annexed.

c&d) STC and MMTC have been effecting imports for High Seas Sales, Public Distribution Systems and domestic markets. STC has informed that during 2006-07 and 2007-08, the entire quantity of imported wheat valuing Rs.6858 crores was sold on high-seas to Food Corporation of India(FCI) for distribution under Public Distribution System. During 2008-09 and 2009-10, STC imported 73,000 MT and 29,000 MT of edible oils for the requirements of State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat for distribution through PDS. During the first half of the current year i.e. 2009-10, STC has imported 2000 MT of Urad for supply under PDS. STC has also informed that during 2008-09, STC imported urea on Government instructions and handed over the entire quantities of imported urea to the Department of Fertilizers.

MMTC has informed that during 2008-09 and 2009-10, it imported a quantity of 22075 MTs of pulses on Government Account for distribution under the PDS of the state Governments of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. MMTC has also stated that it imported a total quantity of 134964.04 MT of RBD palm oil for various state Governments during 2008-09 and 2009-10 under the Central Government subsidy scheme. MMTC, as per the requirement of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, also imported a quantity of 65,652.15 MT RBD Palm oil without the subsidy of Central Government.