

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:596

ANSWERED ON:23.11.2009

PROBLEMS FACED BY INDIAN TRADERS IN EU MARKET

Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal

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

- (a) whether Indian exporters are facing non-tariff barriers in the European Union (EU) markets inspite of growing bilateral trade with the EU;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has conducted a survey on India-EU trade relations which reveals that Indian exporters face problems due to huge subsidies given by EU; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Ministry to address the issue?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Indian exports to EU are made under EU's non discriminatory standards and non tariff regulations which are applicable to all countries. Industry requests regarding EU regulations are regularly taken up in the meetings of India-EU Sub Commission on Trade, India-EU Joint Commission Meetings and also during negotiations for India-EU Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has conducted a survey on India-EU trade relations which indicates that Indian exporters face problems due to subsidies given by EU. The Doha Development of trade talks at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is in progress. In agriculture negotiations, India has been working closely with other developing countries to ensure substantial and effective reductions in farm subsidies and tariffs for enhanced market access, while enabling developing countries to protect and promote the interests of their low income and resource poor farmers.