

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

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BASMATI EXPORT TO IRAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a shipment of basmati rice from India was recently held up at Iranian port of Bandar Abbas due to the rice cargo being contaminated with traces of toxic chemicals;
- (b) whether Iran has imposed ban on importing Indian basmati rice; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Indian Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. The Government is not aware of any consignment of Indian rice being held up at Iranian port of Bandar Abbas due to contamination with toxic chemicals.
- (b-c) No, Madam. Iran has not imposed ban on Indian basmati rice imports.