

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:973  
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LOSS TO TRADERS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have recently suspended cross border trade due to the ceasefire violations by Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether huge quantities of fruits and vegetables have rotten at the trade facilitation centres causing huge loss to the traders and the farmers;
- (d) if so, the details of the total losses incurred by the traders and the farmers as a result thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance to the farmers to overcome their losses; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- a) & b) Due to the ceasefire violation at Line of Control (LOC), LOC trade between India and Pakistan was affected.
- c) & d) There have been reports of loss to traders/farmers due to rotting of vegetables. The estimated loss was US\$300,000.
- e) & f) Government does not provide compensation for commercial trade risks.