

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

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

- (a) whether India has held any bilateral talks with the United States of America (USA) on the issue of promotion of trade of agricultural products and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the permission for export of agricultural products from India to USA has also been discussed in the said talks and if so, the details thereof and its outcome thereon;
- (c) whether import of USA agricultural products in the country is also being discussed in this regard; and if so, the details thereof along with the names of the products included in the discussions; and
- (d) whether the proposal of substantial subsidies in the agriculture sector was also discussed in the course of the said talks and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) : Yes, Madam. Issues relating to Market Access of Agriculture Products such as Mangoes, Grapes, Pomegranate etc. have been raised with the US authorities during bilateral talks held from time to time.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. India has sought market access for grapes whereas US authorities have also sought market access for Wheat, Barley and Walnut.
- (d) : No, Madam. However, proposals for reducing/disciplining the domestic support to agricultural producers have been discussed in the agriculture negotiations under the ongoing Doha Round of trade negotiations in the World Trade Organizations (WTO).