

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

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IMPORT OF RICE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to import non-Basmati rice to meet the demand in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the names of countries and the companies from which the import is proposed to be made; and
- (c) the impact of such import on the domestic market price?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam. Government has assessed the stock position of rice and decided that import of rice for Central Pool is not required at this stage. However, if trend of procurement shows shortfall, the Government may, at an appropriate time, decide to consider import of rice to ensure availability of rice in the domestic market at affordable price.

(b) & (c) Does not arise