

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5071

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IMPORT OF WHEAT

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

- (a) the quantum and value of imported wheat in the country during 2014-15;
- (b) whether the quality of imported wheat is better in comparison to domestic wheat;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to discontinue import of wheat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a to c) During the year 2014-15, 20,867 MT of Wheat and Meslin valuing Rs. 43.92 crore was imported. Wheat import accounts for only 0.02% of our production (95.76 Million Tonnes) and is miniscule. Any import of agricultural commodities is subject to relevant import policy and its conditions thereto.

(d) Currently, no such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Commerce.

(e) Does not arise.