

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

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PROHIBITION RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries including Russia has prohibited/restricted import of certain dairy products from India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the impact of the decision on export of such products indicating the problems being faced by Indian exporters along with the quantum of foreign exchange loss to the country thereby;
- (d) whether any team from these countries, particularly from Russia has visited the country to inspect several cheese and dairy products units;
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the further measures taken by the Government to get the said prohibition/restriction lifted along with the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Export of agricultural commodities like dairy products is subject to compliance with the quality, sanitary and phytosanitary standards and relevant rules & regulations of the importing countries. Temporary restrictive measures are sometimes adopted by the importing countries in view of non-conformity to any of these standards/rules. So far as Russia is concerned, in general, no prohibition/restriction has been imposed by the Eurasian Customs Union (EACU) countries on the import of dairy products from India. However, the export of dairy products to EACU is being regulated in compliance with the recommendations of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (FSVPS) of Russia.

(c) The export of agricultural products depends on several factors such as domestic and international demand and supply situation, price competitiveness, quality concerns, sanitary & phytosanitary requirements etc. As such, it is not possible to assess the impact of any single factor on volume of exports of a particular product.

(d) & (e) Inspection of some dairy establishments were done by the Russian authorities (FSVPS) from 29.10.2014 to 7.11.2014. They have raised certain concerns regarding collection of milk only from own farms and not from collection depot, animal identification and disease control for FMD, T.B., Brucellosis and enzootic leucosis. Similar concerns related to the disease control were raised during EU mission as well.

(f) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.