

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

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HAWALA TRANSACTION IN INDO PAK TRADE .  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government has taken note that Pakistani traders buy Indian potato at cheap rates and export it to other countries at higher prices;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the total loss of foreign exchange caused to the public exchequer as a result thereof; and
- d) the steps taken by the Government to keep Indo-Pak trade free from Hawala transactions?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) It has been reported that exports of potatoes to Pakistan have increased recently. This is due to enhanced domestic demand in Pakistan. No information is available about re-export by Pakistan of such imported potatoes.

(d) India Pakistan trade is encouraged through normal banking channels.