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Title : Need to review the policy for import of Vanaspati from Sri Lanka and Nepal.

DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV (ALWAR): The duty free import of Vanaspati from Sri Lanka and Nepal has resulted into closure of more than hundred units and large number of Vanaspati units are facing threat of closure. These closures effects the jobs of thousands of labours on one hand and on the other hand the oil seed producing farmers are suffering the most. The prices of mustard oil seed has come down in recent years. In Rajasthan itself, large quantity of mustard seed is lying in godowns of FCI, NAFED and TILHAN SANGH. There is no storage space for new crop which has already started coming in the market. Free Trade Agreement to import Vansapati from Sri Lanka and Nepal is totally against the interest of Indian Vansapati industry. It is, therefore, submitted that hon. Minister for Commerce and hon. Minister for Agriculture should have a re-look at this Agreement with Sri Lanka and Nepal.