

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

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REJECTION OF FOOD CONSIGNMENT BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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

- (a) whether a large number of Indian food consignments including Basmati rice have been rejected by the USA and other European countries recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof together with the items rejected and the basis of rejection;
- (c) whether the Government have initiated any action against the erring export firms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Instances of import rejection in USA and European Union on account of non conformity with the standards applicable in the importing countries have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d): Such cases are investigated as per procedure and action against errant exporters taken as appropriate. Recently, certificate of registration of three exporters of spices has been suspended.