

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

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IMPORT DUTY

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

- (a) whether India imposes lower rates of import duty on American goods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether USA has pressurised India to further decrease rates of import duty; and
- (d) the quantum of goods imported from USA during 2004-2005 alongwith the amount collected as duty thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Imports from the USA attract the same rate of import duty as imports from any other country with Most Favored Nation (MFN) status.

(c): The USA has raised concerns regarding high tariffs and taxes, including through the 2005 National Trade Estimate Report on foreign trade barriers released by the United States Trade Representative, and has sought market opening opportunities.

(d): India's import from the USA during 2004-05 (Provisional) has been US\$6291.49 million. Country-wise data on the amount of duty collected is not maintained.