

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1736
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2006
IMPORT OF TILES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the vitrified tiles imported during the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) whether increasing import of such tiles especially from China at low prices is hurting the domestic industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the manufacturers of tiles in these countries have been exempted from Anti-Dumping Duty imposed by the Government on vitrified tiles; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save the domestic industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a); The information is appended.

(b) to (e): The Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties(DGAD) had received an application from M/s H. R. Johnson India Limited, Maharashtra alleging dumping of vitrified porcelain tiles from People`s Republic of China and UAE. Definitive anti-dumping duty was levied in the range of US\$ 0.74 to US\$ 8.28 per sq. meter by the Government vide customs notification dated 1.5.2003. In two cases the DGAD found that exports were at above normal value and hence anti-dumping duty was not applicable.

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APPENDIX

Value in Rs.Lakhs

Commodity: 69071010 VITRIFIED TILES,WHETHER POLISHED OR NOT

Country 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006(Apr-Sep)

BRAZIL	54.91		
CHILE	4.23	5.32	NIL
TAIWAN	30.68	8.82	NIL
CHINA P RP	79.02	128.97	359.35
GERMANY	0.03	0.04	NIL
INDONESIA	268.26	43.17	12.09
ITALY	15.23	87.36	13.54
KOREA RP	5.83	NIL	NIL
MALAYSIA	8.39	254.15	92.26
OMAN	NIL	NIL	14.8
SPAIN	39	63.33	96.04
SRI LANKA DSR	8.75	110.33	89.19
SWITZERLAND	8.86	NIL	NIL
THAILAND	5.43	7.26	NIL
TURKEY	NIL	NIL	9.64
U ARAB EMTS	13.84	559.26	773.02
VIETNAM SOC REP	NIL	21.85	48.43
Total	487.54	1,289.88	1,563.28

