

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORTS OF TV S FROM THAILAND
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether imports of TVs from Thailand will carry Zero basic import duty;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether any safeguard against possible adverse effect on domestic TV manufactures is being put in place;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) With effect from 1st September, 2006, import of color TV sets from Thailand will carry zero basic import duty. This is in accordance with the Framework Agreement for Establishing Free Trade between India and Thailand.

(c),(d)&(e) In this years` beudget, a 4% special additional duty of customs has been levied on most imports so as to compensate for State level taxes. This should give some protection to domestic manufacturers of TV sets. Further, to look into the problems of inverted duty structure arising out of various FTAs/RTAs, Government has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri A.Hoda, Commission. The Committee will review the problems of inverted Duty Structure arising out of the various trading arrangements in place and under consideration and suggest ways and means of addressing the problems. The Committee is expected to complete its work by 07.09.2006.