

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

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MULTINATIONAL TOBACCO COMPANIES IN FOOD SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government has given permission to some Multinational Tobacco Companies to market their products and also to set up food business in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some companies especially Phillips Morrice are indulging in trading/import of cigarettes and other tobacco products in the country under the cover of this facility;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to check their activities?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.