

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

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IMPORT OF AGRO PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is considering to import the products used in agriculture for the current and next year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any assessment has been done with regard to quality of the imported items on the domestic agriculture-horticulture sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (b). Yes, Madam. In view of the deficiency some products used -in agriculture are being imported during current year, The Government has kept all options open regarding imports subject to requirement and benefit of common man.

(c) and (d). The Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage is the responsible body for inspection / sampling of the Imported consignment. Sampling of seeds for propagation shall be in accordance with the International Seeds Testing Association Rules and for other consumption materials as per Bureau of Indian Standards.