

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 139  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

IMPORT OF ONIONS

139. SHRI RAJU SHETTY

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been importing onions through the State Trading Corporations and the Public Enterprises Companies over a period of time; and
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the total amount spent on such imports during each of the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Madam. During the last three years, the Government imported a quantity of 1987.38 MT of onions through MMTC, a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, during 2015-16 under the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF), at a total import cost ex-godownof Rs.11,44,87,035.66. In view of its perishable nature and absence of firm requirement from state governments/other state agencies, the imported onions were disposed off by MMTC through auction.

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