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Dispute against China on meat export ban

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a) whether the Indian dispute against China on the meat export ban is relevant to the USA winning dispute on the ban on meat export; and

b) if so, whether India is contemplating negotiations to settle the disputes through bilateral or multilateral mechanism?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is no dispute between India and China on meat export to China. The Governments of both the countries have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in May 2013 for export of meat. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Government of India has provided the required information to the Department of General Administrative of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) of China for considering market access for Indian meat to China.

The WTO dispute raised by the United States before the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) relates to import ban by India on certain agricultural products including poultry and poultry products on account of occurrence of Avian Influenza in the United States, which is a different matter.

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