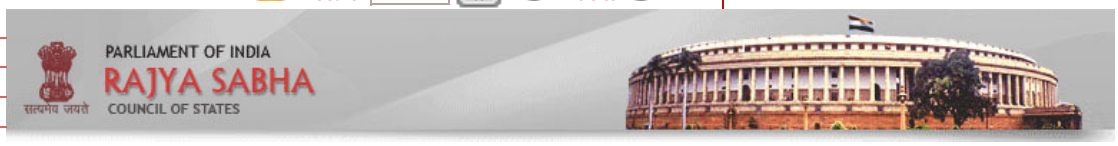

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Direct import of buffalo meat by China

656 . Smt. Wansuk Syiem

(a) whether China has now decided to import buffalo meat directly from India, revisiting its earlier procurement through Vietnam;
(b) whether Chinese officials have conducted inspection of over 18 abattoirs in India processing buffalo meat to global standards;
(c) whether China''s buffalo meat imports being substantial, the decision by China to focus on India for its requirements will positively impact the balance of payment to India''s advantage; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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(a): No Sir. Indian buffalo meat and meat products are not allowed entry into the Chinese marketas on date.
(b): A delegation from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) from China visited India during 12th -22nd October, 2015 to verify the Foot and Mouth Disease(FMD) control programme of India. During their visit, the AQSIQ delegation visited FMD project at Mukteshwar, held meetings with officials of State Animal Husbandry Department, Quarantine Station-FMD vaccine production labs, livestock markets and four (4) abattoirs to see the complete chain of buffalo meat processing operations.
The report of delegation concludes that India does not meet the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) Code requirements regarding FMD free country/zone and suggested for creation of FMD free zones as per OIE guidelines to consider bovine meat import from India.
(c) & (d): Increase in exports to China will help in improving our balance of trade which is highly in favour of China, at present.
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