**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

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Entry of China made Ganesha idols

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(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that china made Ganesha idols made of clay have been entering markets in India especially before the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, almost every year in the recent past; and
(b) whether Government has taken any measures to protect idol makers from our country, if so, what is their nature and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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(a) & (b): Goods are imported into the country as per import policy laid down in Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) [ITC (HS)] Classification of Export and Import Items, 2017. Idols of Gods / Goddesses are not separately classified under ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy) and no separate import data and other related information regarding Ganesha Idols is available.

In a globalised world, import takes place when goods are either not available in domestic market or are priced less outside compared to domestic market. However, the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) provides safeguards against poor quality imports by providing for Domestic Laws/Rules/Orders/Regulations/Technical Specifications/Environmental/Safety and Health Standards applicable to domestically produced goods to be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to imports, unless specifically exempted.
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