

Pricing Authority (NPPA) has not received any reference regarding sudden increase in the price of Paracetamol by 40% and Azithromycin by 70% in the country.

**Toxic chemicals in the products imported from China**

†3110. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has banned the import of chocolates, candies, confectionery, milk and milk-made food products from China; and

(b) whether any toxic chemical is found in the said products being imported from China, which is extremely harmful for human health, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Since 24 September, 2008 import of milk and milk products from China is prohibited. Since 1st December, 2008, import prohibition from China was extended to chocolates and chocolate products and candies/confectionary/food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient. Since then import prohibition of the above items from China has been extended from time to time and continues even now.

(b) Does not arise in view of the ban on import of such products from China since 2008.

**New tea auction centre in Assam**

3111. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is going to set up a new tea auction centre in Assam, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total number of tea auction centres in India and the quantity they auction per day, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Tea Auction Centres are established on the basis of their viability and significance for the tea growers and dealers of the region. Views of stakeholders, including the State Governments, are obtained to study the feasibility and sustainability

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.