

(g) As applicable in other sports, the custom duty may be exempted for horses being imported for sporting purpose. This will encourage equine sports in the country.

(h) An active and serious effort by the ministry to establish a quarantine protocol with Europe/USA will enable our horses to travel from India for training and taking part in competitions abroad. Without this, there is little incentive for Indians to invest in top quality horses who just come to India and get 'stranded' without the ability to compete outside India in an efficient manner. It is imperative to have free two way movement of horses if the level of the sport has to be elevated in this country. This would automatically equate to more training, competitions, sponsors and talent in the sport.

4. Keeping the above mentioned facts in view, it is requested that a serious effort be made to establish a sports friendly quarantine protocol with exporting countries and world class quarantine facility be created in India which is suitable for sports horses.

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- You are hereby requested to make necessary liaison with Ministry of Agriculture to pursue the matter to its conclusive end.

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