

(c) the value of material exported from Rajasthan in the last three years; and

(d) what were the top five materials and the total amount of export made?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics data the value of India's exports and imports for the last three years in US \$ terms are as under:—

(US \$ Million)

Years	Exports	Imports
1996-97	33470	39132
1997-98	35006	41484
1998-99	33641*	41886*

\*Provisional data.

(c) and (d) The Central Government does not maintain state-wise export data. As per the provisional DGCIS data five major export sectors of India during 1998-99 were textiles (US \$ 8411 million), gems and jewellery (US \$ 5904 million), chemicals and related products (US \$ 4180 million), agriculture and allied products (US \$ 3952 million) and engineering goods (US \$ 3804 million).

### Industrial Growth Rate

1873. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current rate of industrial growth as compared to those during the last two years;

(b) whether the expected growth rate for the current year will be achieved; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) The overall indust-

rial growth rate in the current year as well as in the last two years are given in the table below:—

Year	Percentage growth rate
1997-98 (April-March)	6.6
1998-99 (April-March)	4.0
1998-99 (April-October)	3.4
1999-2000 (April-October)	6.9

(b) and (c) Government has not made any estimate of the expected industrial growth rate for the current year.

#### **Danger to Indian Wheat, Apple and Edible Oil Trade**

1874. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA:: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian wheat, apple and edible oil trade is in danger because of cheap import; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to tide over this problem?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Export Import policy regarding agricultural products is governed principally by the concerns of India's food security, maximising farm incomes, earning foreign exchange and to augment domestic availability. Liberalisation of trade has led to the increased availability of commodities to the consumers, sometimes at prices that render domestic produce at a disadvantage. With effect from 1.12.99, an import duty of 50% on import of wheat has been imposed. As the review of the Export Import policy, especially relating to agricultural products, is a continuous process, policy interventions are made as and when deemed necessary, balancing the interests of farmers and consumers.