

#### **Subsidy to paper industry for capital goods**

593. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide subsidy to the paper industry on purchase of capital goods for modernising this sector;

(b) whether Government also proposes to extend the benefit of Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF) to paper industry to fight increasing incidence of technology obsolescence in the industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Rs. 25,000 crore paper industry is seeking Technology Upgradation Fund on the lines of the scheme available to textile industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) To promote the paper industry, Government is considering to provide incentives to the industry under a Plan Scheme.

#### **Obstacles in access to China in certain sectors**

594. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether the sectors like automobile and banking in which we have permitted access to China but are facing restriction, including majority ownership, in accessing their markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Government of India has put in place a liberal and transparent policy for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), wherein most of the sectors including the auto mobile sector are open to FDI under the automatic route, subject to certain conditions. India's investment policy is not specific to China.

China also has policies to allow investments in Automobile and Banking sectors subject to various condition. There are no India specific restrictions in Chinese policy.

#### **Export target of merchandise**

595. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set a export target of merchandise at US \$ 200 billion by March, 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of merchandise items exported by the country;

(d) whether as per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), the merchandise exports from April, 2009 to October, 2009 was US \$ 91 billion and due to recession it is difficult to achieve the target; and

(e) in view of revival of the global economy how Government is planning to achieve the merchandise target set for March, 2011?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to achieve an annual export target of US \$200 billion by March 2011.

(c) and (d) A list of the principal commodities exported by India is given in the Statement (See below). As per the data given by DGCI&S, the merchandise exports from India for the period from April 2009 to October 2009 is US \$ 91.643 billion.

(e) The Government and RBI closely monitor the economic developments in the country and internationally on a continuous basis, and need based measures are taken, from time to time, keeping in view the financial and overall economic implications. To provide support to exports, the Government/RBI announced stimulus packages including the announcements made in the Budget 2009-10, Budget 2010-11 and in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2009-14. Government extended additional support in January 2010 to certain sectors including those sectors which still showed decline in exports. Some of the steps taken by Government and RBI are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Starred Question No. 95 Part 'e'.] Monthly exports have entered positive territory since Nov. 2009; and exports are expected to further improve during the next financial year for achievements of the export target.

***Statement***

*Principal Commodities of Export*

**Exports Month-wise April-Oct. 09:**

(Export Value in Million US\$)

Sl. No.	Commodities of Export	April 2009 to October 2009
1	2	3
1.	Tea	334.66
2.	Coffee	222.44
3.	Rice	1417.52
4.	Tobacco	556.46
5.	Spices	696.92
6.	Cashew	336.37
7.	Oil Meals	798.80
8.	Fruits and Vegetables	637.26
9.	Marine Products	952.72
10.	Iron Ore	2147.99

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11.	Mica, Coal and Other Ores Minerals including processed minerals	1388.02
12.	Leather and Leather Manufactures	1805.71
13.	Gems and Jewellery	15626.68
14.	Drug, Phrmcutes and Fine Chemls.	4872.27
15.	Other Basic Chemicals	3458.87
16.	Engineering Goods	17989.65
17.	Electronic Goods	3615.43
18.	Computer Software	143.18
19.	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc. incl. handloom products	1973.94
20.	Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.	2027.28
21.	RMG of all Textiles	5844.12
22.	Jute Mfg. Including Floor covering	128.42
23.	Carpet	376.93
24.	Handicrafts excl. hand made Carpet	107.01
25.	Petroleum Products	13357.32
26.	Plastic and Linoleum	1764.34
27.	Others	9024.05
TOTAL		91643.19

\*Source :- DGCI&S

\*\*The figures are provisional and subject to change

#### **Status of SEZs**

596. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) so far approved by Government and became operational, sector-wise and State-wise, till-date;
- (b) the number of proposals for setting up of SEZs still pending with Government;
- (c) the number of SEZs started export during the last three years indicating value of exports made from SEZs along with the percentage of increase, if any, made over previous year; and