

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's trade deficit is likely to widen in the 2010-11 fiscal year; and
- (b) if so, what are the factors likely to contribute for a wider trade deficit during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Trade deficit is a function of exports, import requirements and value thereof. It is difficult to predict the trend due to volatility of the global markets.

Ban on export of iron ore

1806. SHRI R.C. SINGH :

SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that 50 per cent of our iron ore export are low grade iron ore;
- (b) whether Government is putting any ban on export of Iron ore;
- (c) whether there is any proposal before Government to allow the export of semi finished and finished goods in place of iron ore;
- (d) if so, the details of (b) and (c) above;
- (e) whether any assessment has made about the impact on the ban imposed by China on the import of low grade iron ore; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. More than 50% of India's exports is low grade iron ore with below 62% Fe content.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Government is not aware of full details of any such ban on import of low grade iron ore by China and accordingly no such assessment on its impact has been made.

Anti-dumping duty on Chinese goods

1807. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: