

has not received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for taking up coffee plantation in 1.4 lakh acres with an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crores.

(d) The production of coffee in Vietnam and Philippines in comparison to India is furnished hereunder:—

Year	India			Vietnam			Philippines		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
2008-09	3.94	2.62	748	5.30	11.10	2090	1.23	0.17	138
2009-10	3.99	2.90	826	5.30	10.80	2030	1.23	0.18	146

A — Area in lakh ha.

B — Production in lakh MT

C — Productivity in kg./ha.

The production of coffee in Vietnam is higher while in Philippines it is much less in comparison to India. Robusta is being predominantly cultivated in Vietnam and the total area under coffee is 5.30 lakh ha. with a production of 11 lakh MT at the productivity level of 2000 kg./ha. Coffee in Vietnam is being cultivated in more ideal conditions like open condition, well distributed rainfall with 2 to 3 months of dry period, deep fertile volcanic soils, copious irrigation facilities coupled with large scale use of fertilizers etc. In India, the total area under coffee is 3.99 lakh ha. with a production of 2.90 lakh MT at a productivity level of 800 kg./ha. The agro-climatic conditions prevailing in coffee zones of the country are not ideal for achieving high productivity as in the case of Vietnam. High temperatures in summer coupled with 3 months of heavy rainfall during monsoon followed by 4-6 months of dry conditions impose limitations for coffee productivity. However, under the Development Support Scheme of the Eleventh Plan, with a view to increase production and productivity of coffee, the Coffee Board of India is providing financial support for expansion and consolidation of coffee areas for improving coffee production and financial assistance in the form of subsidy in acquiring baby pulpers and construction of drying yards apart from providing financial support for coffee production in North Eastern Region.

#### Slow down in exports to Europe

3130. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's exports have declined especially to Europe during the last three years;

(b) if so, the sectors causing declining global demand and affecting country's export capacity; and

(c) the action plan of Government to improve export growth and achieve export targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) India's merchandise exports to Europe for the last three financial years are given below:—

Financial Year	Exports (US Dollar Billion)	Growth (%)
2007-08	37.29	29.01
2008-09	42.08	12.84
2009-10	38.52	(-)8.44

(Source: DGCI&S)

Sectors which were adversely affected since 2008 in the wake of global economic slowdown are handicrafts, handloom, textiles, leather and leather products, toys and sports goods, chemicals, engineering, electronics and plantation.

(c) Government reviews the export performance of the various sectors on continuous basis and extends need based support measures from time to time as per the requirement and the financial implications thereof.

#### Export of wheat

3131. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to remove curbs on export of wheat to some of the countries;

(b) if so, the details of the countries;

(c) whether the export of wheat is to be on Government account; and

(d) if so, the quantity of wheat proposed to be exported, at what rate and the foreign exchange to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Sir, on the request of the Government of Bangladesh, the Indian Government has decided to export 2 lakh tonnes of wheat to Bangladesh. This decision was taken by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM), in its meeting, held on 26th of July, 2010. The export will be executed by the State Trading Enterprises (STC and PEC) by lifting stocks from FCI at prevalent economic cost to FCI.